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Starting from January 20:

Iran, 6 world powers agree to nuclear deal terms

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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran and six world powers have agreed on how to implement a nuclear deal struck in November, with its terms starting from Jan. 20, officials announced Sunday. The announcement, made first by Iranian officials and later confirmed elsewhere, starts a six-month clock for a final deal to be struck over the Islamic Republic's contested nuclear program. It also signals an easing of the financial sanctions crippling Iran's economy, though some U.S. lawmakers have called for tough measures against the country despite ongoing negotiations. Iran's official IRNA news agency quoted Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi confirming the news. The agency said Iran will grant the United Nations' atomic agency access to its nuclear facilities and its centrifuge production lines to confirm it is complying with terms of the deal.

Araghchi later told state television some \$4.2 billion in seized oil revenue would be released under the deal. Senior officials in U.S. President Barack Obama's administration put the total figure at \$7 billion. European Union negotiator Catherine Ashton praised the deal in a statement, saying "the foundations for a coherent, robust and smooth implementation ... have been laid." German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier called the deal "a decisive step forward which we can build on." U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry welcomed the deal in a statement as well, saying further negotiations "represent the best chance we have to resolve this critical national security issue peacefully, and durably." Under the November agreement, Iran agreed to limit its uranium enrichment to 5 percent — the grade commonly used to power reactors. The deal

also commits Iran to stop producing 20 percent enriched uranium — which is only a technical step away from weapons-grade material — and to neutralize its 20 percent stockpile over the six months. In exchange, economic sanctions Iran faces would be eased for six months. During that time, the so-called P5+1 world powers — Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States — would continue negotiations with Iran on a permanent deal. The West fears Iran's nuclear program could allow it to build a nuclear bomb. Iran says its program is for peaceful purposes, such as medical research and power generation. Iran's semi-official ISNA news agency reported Sunday that under the terms of the deal, Iran will guarantee that it won't try to attain nuclear arms "under any circumstance." However, Araghchi stressed Iran could resume production

of 20 percent uranium in "one day" if it chose. The senior U.S. officials said U.N. inspectors would have daily access to Iranian nuclear sites and would make monthly reports. Iran will dilute half of its nuclear ma-

terial during the first three months of the agreement, the officials said, and all of it by the end of the agreement. In exchange, Iran would have access to parts for its civilian aviation, petro-

chemical and automotive industries, as well as be allowed to import and export gold, the officials said. □ The deal also gives Iran access to international humanitarian and medical supplies, though Iran still



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif speaks during a press conference at Rafik Hariri International Airport in Beirut, Lebanon, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014. Zarif is in Beirut to meet with Lebanese officials.

(AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

Presidential run likely for Egypt's top general

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CAIRO - Egypt's top military officer on Saturday offered the clearest indication yet that he sees this week's referendum on a revised constitution as a prelude to a bid for the presidency, moving to consolidate his power after his ouster of President Mohammed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi swiftly emerged as Egypt's paramount decision maker after the military takeover in July, but he had previously left some doubt about whether he would try to add the formal title of president or keep his power behind the scenes.

On Saturday, though, he all but explicitly announced he would run by linking his potential presidential candidacy to the constitutional referendum on Tuesday and Wednesday. The timing of his state-

ment suggested he would view a yes vote as a demonstration of his mandate to seek the presidency. It

my army," el-Sissi said at a military seminar, according to the website of the state newspaper, Al Ahram. "I

"not me personally but the military, because in the military we are as united as one man's heart, and we adhere to democracy."

The revised charter is not radically different from the constitution that was drafted by an Islamist-led assembly. That charter, which was approved slightly more than a year ago by almost 2-to-1 with about one-third of the electorate voting, set a benchmark for this week's vote.

The new text includes some broader language protecting religious freedom and women's rights while excising some, but not all, of the stipulations that Islamic law is the bedrock of Egyptian jurisprudence.

Its biggest changes, instead, are increases in the power and autonomy of the military, the police and the judiciary — the three governmental institutions that teamed up to help force Morsi from power. □



Supporters of Egypt's Defense Minister, Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi hold a poster bearing his picture with Arabic that reads, "the people order," in Cairo, Egypt, Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014.

(AP Photo/Mohammed Abu Zeid)

is also the first effort to add formal democratic legitimacy to his ouster of Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected president.

"If I run, then it must be at the request of the people and with a mandate from

can't turn my back on Egypt."

El-Sissi, the defense minister, urged voters to turn out to vote for the constitution in frankly personal terms.

"Don't embarrass me in front of the world," he said,

Venezuelan heating oil a no-show in US this year

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Massachusetts-based non-profit run by Joseph P. Kennedy II that has distributed nearly a half billion dollars' worth of Venezuela-donated home heating oil in the U.S. since 2005 has not yet received this winter's shipment. In recent years, the first shipments from Venezuela would have arrived in late November or early December and have been delivered by now.

A spokesman for the Kennedy's Citizens Energy Corp., Brian O'Connor, said thousands of people had called inquiring about the oil. "We very much hope that the Venezuelans will come through as they did for so many years under President (Hugo) Chavez's leadership," Kennedy said in a statement Friday issued by the nonprofit. The former congressman and son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy said, however, that "every indicator so far has been that they will help out."

Chavez died last March after a long battle with cancer. Venezuela, despite having the world's largest proven oil reserves, has in recent years suffered steady production declines.

A spokesman for Venezuela's state-owned oil company PDVSA reached in Caracas had no comment, while a spokesman for the company's U.S. subsidiary Citgo, Fernando Garay, did not immediately return a voicemail message.

The Kennedy statement was issued in response to a query from The Republican newspaper of Springfield, Mass.

Citizens Energy says it has distributed the home heating oil to some 200,000 low-income and elderly households annually in 25 states including the entire Northeast, Alaska and parts of the Midwest. □

West Virginia chemical spill frustrates residents

CHARLESTON, West Virginia (AP) — Frustration is mounting for many of the 300,000 West Virginia residents who have gone without clean tap water since a chemical spill on Thursday.

Business owners with empty dining rooms and quiet aisles of merchandise around West Virginia's capital city were left to wonder how much of an economic hit they'll take from the spill.

Most visitors have cleared out of Charleston while locals are either staying home or driving out of the area to find somewhere they can get a hot meal or a shower.

Orders not to use tap water for much other than flushing toilets mean that the spill is an emergency not just for the environment but also for local businesses.

The emergency began Thursday following complaints to West Virginia American Water about a licorice-type odor in the tap water.

The source: the chemical 4-methylcyclohexane methanol, which had leaked out of a 40,000-gallon (151,400-liter) tank at a Freedom Industries facility along the Elk River. State officials said Saturday they believe about 7,500 gallons (28,400 liters) leaked.

Some of the chemical was contained before flowing into the river; it's not clear exactly how much entered the water supply.

All told, 32 people have sought treatment at hospitals for symptoms such as nausea.

Of those, four were admitted to the Charleston Area Medical Center but their conditions weren't immediately available.

A water company executive said that it could take days before clean tap water is flowing again for about 300,000 people — about 15 percent of the state's population — in nine counties.

First, water sample test results must consistently show that the chemical's presence in the public water system is at or below 1

parts per million, the level recommended by federal

agencies, West Virginia American Water President

Jeff McIntyre said Saturday at a news conference. □



South Charleston Public Works employees assist local residents in South Charleston, W.V. in obtaining bottled water at the GeStamp Stamping Plant-South Charleston (W.Va.) distribution location Sunday morning, Jan. 12, 2014. This location will remain open 24-hours a day until the ban on using tap water for drinking and washing is lifted. The ban has been in effect following the chemical spill Thursday in the Elk River that has contaminated the public water supply in nine counties. (AP Photo Michael Switzer)

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New NYC mayor seeks to advance liberal agenda

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, propelled by a landslide election victory and the hopes of a party out of power for a generation, will be quickly unveiling an ambitious liberal legislative program that could fundamentally reshape the role of government in the largest U.S. city. De Blasio, a Democrat whose efforts will be closely watched and potentially imitated across the U.S., is wasting no time. He has begun pushing for sweeping changes on several fronts, from the care of the homeless to police conduct, all while trying to leverage his political capital into a proposal that would be unthinkable for most politicians: to raise taxes. "He's trying to send a strong signal that he is going to be ambitious in his legislative goals," said Costas Pana-

gopoulos, a political science professor at Fordham University. "It's a bold, risky strategy. He's not at all trying to move in small steps." The centerpiece of his first year in office is to fund universal pre-kindergarten and expanded after-school programs for middle school students by raising taxes on the wealthiest New Yorkers. His proposal would increase the income tax rate from 3.9 to 4.4 percent on residents who earn more than \$500,000 annually. But the mayor of New York can't raise taxes unilaterally and needs the support of the state Legislature and Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo. So de Blasio, both as mayor-elect and then after taking office, has devoted an enormous amount of time and energy to pushing the plan. He and his staff have wooed lawmakers both in

New York and in the state capital Albany. He has applied pressure through the media and trotted out a grassroots lobbying effort and powerful labor unions that support the idea. Cuomo,

a potential presidential candidate, has embraced the concept of universal pre-kindergarten, touting it again in his State of the State speech last week, but appears leery of raising

any taxes.

And the tax hike has become key for de Blasio, who has repeatedly said he wants a dedicated revenue stream — not a one-time budget maneuver — to pay for the plan. As the hike on the rich plays well in liberal circles, de Blasio has refused to even consider alternative means of funding the pre-kindergarten plan. De Blasio ran a very liberal campaign to survive the left-leaning Democratic mayoral primary and didn't track to the center in the general election, refusing to budge from his plan to battle the city's income inequality problem, which he dubbed "The tale of two cities." He captured 73 percent of the vote on Election Day, posting the largest margin of victory by a non-incumbent while becoming the first Democrat to be elected mayor since 1989. □



New York Mayor Bill de Blasio eats pizza at Goodfellas Pizza in the Staten Island borough of New York, Friday, Jan. 10, 2014. (AP Photo/Staten Island Advance, Jan Somma-Hammel)

A close-up photograph of a slot machine. The reels are lit up, and the number '7' is prominently displayed on the left and middle reels. Above the reels, the word 'UNIVERSAL' is visible in red letters. The machine has a classic, slightly worn appearance with various buttons and a digital display showing '25'.

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McAuliffe takes oath as Virginia's 72nd governor

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Associated Press

RICHMOND, Virginia (AP)

— Terry McAuliffe, the former Democratic National Committee chairman and fundraiser for Bill and Hillary Clinton, was sworn in as Virginia's 72nd governor on a mild and rainy Saturday.

In an inaugural address on the south portico of the state Capitol designed by Thomas Jefferson, McAuliffe emphasized bipartisanship as he put several years of campaigning behind him to begin the more challenging task of leading a politically divided government. Republicans have firm control of the House of Delegates, while the outcome of two special elections will determine control of the state Senate.

"Common ground doesn't move towards us, we move

towards it," McAuliffe told a drenched crowd that included the Clintons, who huddled under a black umbrella until the rain stopped and the sun briefly peeked out during the new governor's speech.

The state will face "serious economic headwinds" over the next four years, McAuliffe said, and skeptics are predicting partisan gridlock. "Virginia, together, we will prove them wrong again," he said.

It was one of several references to consensus building that McAuliffe sprinkled throughout a 16-minute speech that drew praise from Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"I was very moved by it," she told reporters as she exited through the Capitol.

The former secretary of state called McAuliffe's



Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, left, and former U.S. President Bill Clinton acknowledge supporters during inaugural ceremonies at the Capitol in Richmond, Va., Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014. McAuliffe was sworn in Saturday as the 72nd governor of Virginia. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

election "a great personal achievement."

The crowd cheered as the Clintons entered and made their way to their second-row seats. The former presi-

dent, shaking hands as he descended the stairs, acknowledged the crowd with a brief wave but otherwise remained in the background. □

Black rhino hunting permit sold

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Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — A permit to hunt an endangered African black rhino sold for \$350,000 at a Dallas auction held to raise money for conservation efforts but criticized by wildlife advocates.

Steve Wagner, a spokesman for the Dallas Safari Club, which sponsored the closed-door event Saturday night, confirmed the sale of the permit for a hunt in the African nation of Namibia. He declined to name the buyer.

The Safari Club's executive director, Ben Carter, has defended the auction, saying all money raised will go toward protecting the species. He also said the rhino that the winner will be allowed to hunt is old, male and nonbreeding — and that the animal was likely to be targeted for removal anyway because it was becoming aggressive and

threatening other wildlife.

But the auction drew howls from critics, including wildlife and animal rights groups, and the FBI said it was investigating death threats against members of the club.

Officials from the Humane Society and the International Fund for Animal Welfare have said that while culling can be appropriate in abundant animal populations, all black rhinos should be protected, given their endangered status.

An estimated 4,000 black rhinos remain in the wild, down from 70,000 in the 1960s. Nearly 1,800 are in Namibia, according to the Safari Club. Critics have also said any hunting of a rhino sends a bad message to the public. "This auction is telling the world that an American will pay anything to kill their species," Jeffrey Flocken, North American regional director of the Massachusetts-based IFAW, said this past week. □

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Detroit auto show a 'super' boost for an ailing city

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AP Business Writer

DETROIT (AP) — It's a 21st century paradox: Detroit enters 2014 in bankruptcy, the largest public case in U.S. history and facing \$18 billion or more in debt. Yet the Motor City's resurgent auto industry is strong enough to host a show that by one estimate will generate nearly \$400 million for the area's economy.

The industrial city is looking to climb out from under decades of financial decline as its longtime industry revs ahead four years after two of its major players, General Motors and Chrysler, emerged from bankruptcies of their own. The comeback can be measured in the North American International Auto Show's economic impact, which is projected to increase 8 percent over last year's event, says David Sowerby, a portfolio manager and chief market analyst for Loomis Sayles & Co., who authored a study of the show's effect on the regional economy.

Sowerby says several factors favor increased spending tied to this show.

"Economic activity is strong, the industry itself is stronger, there's a modest increase in new models and if you talk to hotel or lodging industry, the number of conferences is growing as is business activity and travel."

To be sure, business at area hotels for the show is strong: Downtown hotels reported Friday that occupancy is at 85 percent during the press days Monday and Tuesday and about 70 percent from Jan. 18 through Jan. 26, when the show is open to the public. Local restaurants and bars should be packed with an estimated 5,000 journalists and 800,000 visitors expected at the show. Overall, the show provides a pick-me-up for the area, illustrated by amped-up coverage from local television stations and highway billboards welcoming visitors and industry types.

All three Detroit automakers have made billions in

the recovery following the Great Recession. Ford expects to post an \$8.5 billion profit before taxes for 2013, while GM made \$4.8 billion pretax through the first nine months. Chrysler, the smallest and least-profitable of the three, made \$1.4 billion

By comparison, a study performed by an outside research firm for the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau in 2006 put the impact of that year's Super Bowl XL at about \$275 million, including pass-along, or spinoff spending by the

tige of a marquee event at a city-owned convention facility. There's no local sales tax, nor does Detroit levy one on hotels or motels.

Officials say the city doesn't bear additional costs for public safety,

of those images predate the city's bankruptcy filing in July.

Detroit dodged one hit to its economy and reputation: A big snowstorm and subsequent blast of Arctic air that bought area travel to a near halt luckily



Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, center, meets with North American International Auto Show Chairman Bob Shuman, left, and Phil Bockhorn of Chrysler Group LLC, right, as he tours the auto show in Detroit, Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014. The industrial city is looking to climb out from under decades of financial decline as its longtime industry revs ahead four years after two of its major players, General Motors and Chrysler, emerged from bankruptcies of their own.

(AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)

pretax through September. All have rolled out strong new cars and trucks to catch the rise in auto sales from a low of 10.4 million in 2009 to 15.6 million last year.

The automakers' show displays and parties were more Spartan affairs in the dark days of 2010. This year, exhibits in particular are as lavish as ever, with two-story buildings inside the Cobo Center.

Sowerby, who crunches the numbers for the show organizer, the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, estimates the event's economic impact at as much as \$390 million to the Detroit area, which also includes some thriving suburbs and its Canadian neighbor across the river, Windsor, Ontario.

merchants and others.

Sowerby says it's clear why the auto show, which this year will have more than 500 vehicles on display and more than 50 new model introductions, has a greater economic impact. The Super Bowl represents about a week of events and "overhyped parties" leading up to and including the game itself, whereas the auto show represents several weeks that includes construction of exhibits, press previews, the eight-day public show itself and the teardown.

Sowerby says it's difficult to tease out the specific benefits to the city of Detroit itself beyond the boost to its downtown elevated rail system and businesses, such as hotels, bars and restaurants, and the pres-

since show officials handle their own security. Likewise, Sowerby believes that the host city's major-league financial woes won't hamper the show.

"I don't think that the bankruptcy factored into it," he says. "Is it going to deter somebody's desire to attend the auto this year? ... The extent that Detroit rises to the occasion (says) that bankruptcy doesn't mean 'closed to business.'"

Still, the throng of global journalists can't help but venture beyond Detroit's relatively booming downtown and chronicle the abandonment and blight that lurks on many city streets and former factory sites. The backdrop of bankruptcy can play a role in how the city is portrayed to the world, even if most

blew in a week before the auto show. The weather should be relatively balmy next week. The auto show in 1999 was marred by a heavy snow that clogged roads and nearly paralyzed the Detroit area at ShowTime, prompting heavy criticism of the city for not being prepared.

"It was horrible," Sowerby says, adding he recalls telling media outlets at the time, "I'm downtown at the event and I'm watching dollars get sucked out of the city."

New Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan hopes to see currency flowing the other way this year. He expects the journalists and public to see a Detroit trying to get back on its feet.

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US Financial Front:

A long shot against blight in Richmond, California

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You can't fight city hall, the saying goes. But Gayle McLaughlin, the mayor of

Richmond, Calif., has filed federal lawsuits, while real estate interests have made robo-calls to residents and sent mass mailers warning that

the plan would allow "slick, politically connected" investors to "take houses on the cheap." (The idea is actually to buy mortgages, not houses.)

Opponents have filed federal lawsuits, while real estate interests have made robo-calls to residents and sent mass mailers warning that the eminent domain proposal. Before the meeting, opponents amassed at a hot-dog stand near city hall. A local real estate association, backed by money from the National Association of Realtors, offered free dinners to those who showed up to don red "A Bad Deal for Richmond" T-shirts; the group included a huddle of fraternity brothers brought in from Berkeley. If eminent domain were used, a young man who declined to identify himself was telling them, a for-profit company would make big money, and teacher and firefighter pensions would be hurt. The eminent-domain strategy is not a fabulous idea. Like virtually every other proposal to help homeowners hurt by the housing crash, it tries for simplicity but falters in the face of the enormity of the post-financial-crisis mess, and, as markets improve, it may come too late to make much difference. The plan's legality and wisdom have been debated in edi-

torials and blog posts, with questions ranging from the true value of the mortgages to whether the chosen homeowners deserve the help. But to advocates, eminent domain offers perhaps the only chance to remedy the failure of the federal government and mortgage servicers to offer widespread, meaningful relief to the hardest-hit communities. Eminent domain allows governments to condemn property for a public purpose, like building a road or eliminating urban decay, and applies to intangible property like mortgages as well as to real estate. Richmond argues that its public purpose is to prevent foreclosures and the blight of vacant properties. The idea is to buy those mortgages out of the bundles and restructure them, restoring equity to the homeowners and keep them from defaulting. Opponents of the plan argue in legal briefs that the risk of default now, so long after the crash, is vastly overstated. □



Supporters of a plan to use eminent domain to prevent foreclosures rally in front of City Hall in Richmond, Calif., Dec. 17, 2013. Many Richmond residents owe more money on their houses than their houses are worth, but the mayor's plan to bail those homeowners out has faced significant opposition.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

Richmond, Calif., a city of 100,000, would tell you that fighting Wall Street is harder. Even for city hall.

McLaughlin has a plan to help the many Richmond residents who owe more money on their houses than their houses are worth, but it's one that banks like Wells Fargo, large asset managers like Pimco and BlackRock, real estate interests and even Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the mortgage finance giants, have tried to quash. Her idea involves a novel use of the power of eminent domain to bail out homeowners by buying up and then forgiving mortgage debt.

But the financial institutions have warned that mortgage lending would halt in any city that tried eminent domain - and they have lobbied Congress to ensure that the threat is not an empty one. Op-

ponents have filed federal lawsuits, while real estate interests have made robo-calls to residents and sent mass mailers warning that the plan would allow "slick, politically connected" investors to "take houses on the cheap." (The idea is actually to buy mortgages, not houses.)

Under similar pressures, at least four other cities that considered the eminent domain strategy have backed away, deeming the risks too great. But advocates in Richmond say their city is different. They hope a unique alignment of anti-corporate political leadership, a concerted grass-roots campaign and union support will lead to a different outcome in this working-class, largely black and Hispanic community in the Bay Area. For a dozen or so other cities that have similar demographics and are also plagued by foreclosures, Richmond has become a national test case.

Those cities, scattered

to capital: When the city tried to market a highly rated set of bonds in mid-August last year, there were no takers. In September, the Richmond City Council was preparing to take one of a series of votes on

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Loss of jobless aid leaves many with bleak options

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A cutoff of benefits for the long-term unemployed has left more than 1.3 million Americans with a stressful decision about what to do next.

Without their unemployment checks, many will abandon what had been a futile search and will no longer look for a job — an exodus that could dwarf the 347,000 Americans who stopped seeking work in December. Beneficiaries have been required to look for work to receive unemployment checks.

Some who lost their benefits say they'll begin an early and unplanned retirement. Others will pile on debt to pay for school and an eventual second career. Many will likely lean on family, friends and other government programs to get by.

They're people like Stan Osnowitz, a 67-year-old electrician in Baltimore who lost his state unemployment benefits of \$430 a week. The money put gasoline in his car to help him look for work.

Osnowitz says a continuation of his benefits would

have enabled his job search to continue into spring, when construction activity usually increases and more electrical jobs become available.

He says he's sought low-paid work at home improvement stores like Lowe's or Home Depot. But he acknowledges that at his age, the prospect of a minimum-wage job is depressing.

"I have two choices," Osnowitz says. "I can take a job at McDonald's or something and give up everything I've studied and everything I've worked for and all the experience that I have. Or I can go to retirement."

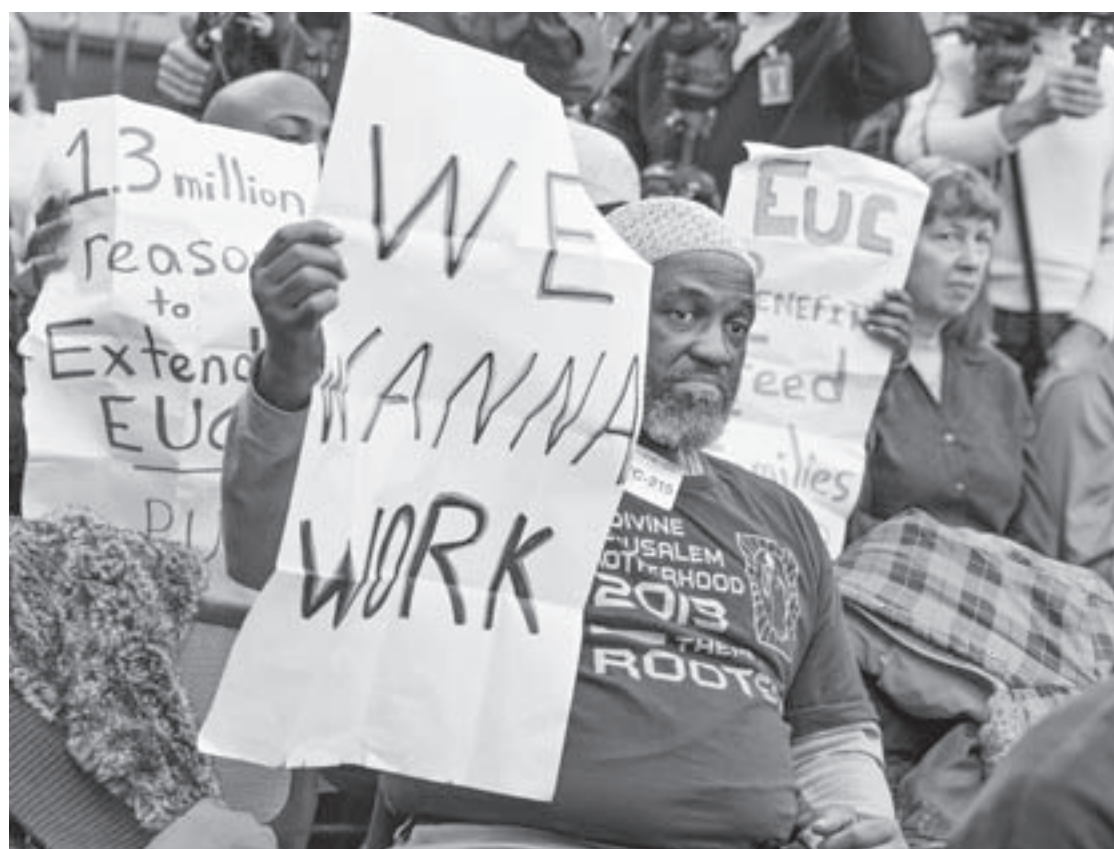
Unemployment benefits were extended as a federal emergency move during the 2008 financial crisis at a time of rising unemployment. The benefits have gone to millions who had exhausted their regular state unemployment checks, typically after six months. Last month, the extended-benefits program was allowed to expire, a casualty of deficit-minded Republican lawmakers who argue that the government can't afford to fund it indefinitely and that unemployment ben-

efits do little to put people back to work.

The duration of the federal benefits has varied from state to state up to 47 weeks. As a result, the long-term unemployed in Rhode Island, for example,

Outside Cincinnati, Tammy Blevins, 57, fears that welfare is her next step. She was let go as a machine operator at a printing plant in May. Her unemployment check and a small inheritance from her father

"I'll be 60 when I graduate," she says. "If I do one-on-one or family counseling, I can work forever." Urquhart finds herself in sympathy with members of Congress who want to limit government spending. At



Audience members hold signs appealing for jobs as they attend a Democratic news conference about extending unemployment insurance benefits which expired Dec. 28, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014, on Capitol Hill in Washington.
(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

could receive a total of 73 weeks — 26 weeks of regular benefits, plus 47 weeks from the now-expired federal program.

helped cover her \$1,000-a-month mortgage and \$650 health insurance premium. Now, with her benefits cut off and few openings in manufacturing, she dreads what could be next.

"I'm going to have to try the welfare thing, I guess," Blevins says. "I don't know. I'm lost." Others plan to switch careers. After being laid off last summer as a high school history teacher, Jada Urquhart enrolled at Ohio State University to become a social worker. Urquhart, 58, has already borrowed against her house, canceled cable-TV and turned down the thermostat despite the winter chill. Without an unemployment check, she plans to max out her credit cards and take on student loans to complete her degree by 2015.

least in theory she does. "It's just hard when you're the one getting shrunk," she says. One sign of the persistently tight job market: The percentage of Americans either working or looking for work has reached its lowest monthly level in nearly 36 years, the Labor Department said Friday. The unemployment rate fell in December to 6.7 percent from 7 percent. But that drop occurred mainly because more Americans stopped looking for jobs, many of them out of frustration. Once people without jobs stop looking for one, the government no longer counts them as unemployed.

Because unemployment benefits require recipients to look for work, many who would have given up kept seeking a job. □

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Israelis reflect on Sharon and his legacy

JODI RUDOREN

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JERUSALEM - In life, former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was a polarizing figure, particularly after his turnabout from a builder of Jewish settlements to a man who forced their evacuation. But regardless of their political views, many Israelis

Canal during the 1973 war. "It's hard to control people like that if they work for you," said Merklin, an investment adviser who brought along his 11-year-old daughter, Daphna. "You want leaders like that - leaders with guts." The body of Sharon, who died Saturday afternoon

and Canada are also expected to attend. On Sunday, thousands of Israelis filed past Sharon's body, pausing to say a prayer or to snap a picture with their smartphones. Among them were old soldiers who had served under the former general known as the Bulldozer and a busload of high school students who had learned of him in history class. There were religious Jews and secular ones, right-wingers and left-wingers, natives and tourists.

A Belgian businessman with a velvet skullcap who despised Sharon's late-in-life moves regarding the Palestinians said he had come "to make sure he's dead."

Orit Struck, a member of parliament from the right-wing Jewish Home faction, wrote on Facebook, "We must also thank God that Sharon was removed from our public lives" before he might have uprooted Jewish settlements in the West Bank as he had done in Gaza.

And Baruch Marzel, a religious settler in Hebron, wrote on the Hebrew website Srugim that Sharon "will be remembered in eternal disgrace in the book of traitors against the Jewish people."

The Palestinian news media reported that people in Gaza burned pictures of Sharon and distributed sweets in the streets to celebrate the death of a man they called "the butcher." Human rights groups denounced Sharon as a war criminal for his role, as defense minister, in the massacres in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Lebanon in 1982.

But most Israelis mourned Sharon as a man whose imprint on their nation had

been indelible, nearly the last of its founding generation of fighters and farmers. "There hasn't been a leader like him in Israel since the days of the Maccabees," said Omri Cohen, 27, referring to the rebel Jewish army that seized control of the land more than 2,000 years ago. "You can say that Bibi learned from Sharon, but they're not the same," added Cohen, referring to Netanyahu by his nickname. "The decisiveness, the charisma, the assumption of responsibility. The leader who takes responsibility is good, whether he is right or he is wrong." Ettie Oren, 42, a mother of two, said she was glad the Education Ministry had asked Israeli schools to devote the week to discus-

sions of Sharon.

"Every individual who reconsiders in his life and can change opinions, can serve as a role model," said Oren, referring to Sharon's turnabout on Gaza settlements. "To say, OK, we did something and let's see if we can do something different, or do it differently - that's what made him so courageous."

For some, it was a more personal pilgrimage. Shalom Katzir spent more than a year as Sharon's army driver, and recalled that "when he was angry and upset in the car" - which was often - Katzir would sing "Between the Euphrates and the Tigris," a tune with biblical roots. "That would calm him down." □



Knesset guards carry the coffin of former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Jerusalem, Jan. 12, 2014. Sharon laid in state on Sunday at Israel's Parliament building in Jerusalem, where an official memorial is scheduled for Monday morning.

(Rina Castelnovo/The New York Times)

who came here Sunday to view his coffin admired Sharon as a bold decision-maker unafraid to take risks, something they are yearning for in the nation's current leadership.

"He was a person that once he decided, he carried it out - decide and execute," said Shlomo Shapira, 68, who rode for an hour on a bus provided by the state to get here. "Today, we have people who don't decide and don't execute."

David Merklin, 40, said he, like most members of Sharon's Likud Party at the time, voted in 2004 against Sharon's plan to remove Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip. But Merklin said he nonetheless respected Sharon for carrying out the disengagement, just as he had defied a commander's orders when he led troops across the Suez

at 85 after eight years in a state of minimal consciousness following a stroke that felled him at the height of his power, lay in state outside Israel's parliament building here Sunday in a gray chill. Soldiers in berets murmured Tehillim, the Psalms Jews recite over bodies until burial, beside his flag-covered coffin, which was encircled by nine wreaths of orange, yellow, red and fuschia flowers. A military funeral is scheduled for Monday afternoon on a hill overlooking his sprawling sheep farm in the Negev desert, after a morning memorial service at parliament. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, along with Vice President Joe Biden, is to be among the eulogizers; the prime minister of the Czech Republic and leading politicians from Russia, Germany, Spain

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Pope names 19 new cardinals, focusing on the poor

FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis named his first batch of cardinals Sunday, choosing 19 men from around the world, including the developing nations of Haiti and

Burkina Faso, in line with his belief the church must pay more attention to the poor. But advocates for victims of sex abuse by Catholic clergy said they felt let down that Francis didn't unequivocally embrace their calls

that prelates who hadn't made a clean break with past practices of covering up pedophile behavior never be promoted. Francis read out the 19 names to a crowd of tens of thousands in St. Peter's

Square.

Sixteen of the appointees are younger than 80, meaning they would be eligible to elect the next pope, which is a cardinal's most important task, after the Feb. 22 ceremony to formally install them.

Since his election in March as the first pontiff from Latin America, the pope has broken tradition after tradition in terms of protocol and style at the Vatican. But in Sunday's list, Francis stuck to the church's rule of having no more than 120 cardinals eligible to elect the next pontiff.

The College of Cardinals is 13 shy of that 120-mark among eligible-to-vote members. In addition, three cardinals will turn 80 by May. That means Francis chose the exact number of new cardinals needed to bring the voting ranks up to 120 during the next few months.

Some appointments were expected, including that of his new secretary of state, Italian archbishop

Pietro Parolin, and the German head of the Vatican's watchdog office for doctrinal orthodoxy, Gerhard Ludwig Mueller. Two others named Sunday also come from the curia, as the Holy See's Rome-based bureaucracy is known.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the pope's selection of churchmen from Haiti and Burkina Faso reflects Francis' attention to the destitute as a core part of the church's mission.

Francis' announcement of the honor of the Les Cayes Bishop Chibly Langlois, who, at 55, was the youngest of the appointees, came as the impoverished Caribbean nation marked the anniversary of the quake there that killed tens of thousands of people.

"Today we are marking four years since the earthquake," said a priest, Hans Alexandre, in Haiti. The pontiff's emphasis on the poor "touches us immensely."

In Burkina Faso, the archbishop of Ouagadougou, Philippe Ouedraogo, said he thought reporters had made a mistake when they called him about his promotion to cardinal's rank, as he had no advance word from the Vatican. He also embraced Francis' vision of a church toiling for those on the margins of society.

"I fully recognize myself in his vision and pastoral philosophy that, like Jesus, identifies himself with the poor and the sick," the African prelate said. Ouedraogo, very popular in his homeland, had recently opposed a proposed change to the constitution to allow the country's president, in power since 1987, to run for another term. □



A child uses binoculars to watch Pope Francis delivering the Angelus from a window of the Apostolic palace in St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014. The pontiff has named his first batch of cardinals, choosing 19 men from Asia, Africa, North and South America and elsewhere, including Haiti and Burkina Faso, to reflect his attention to the poor. Francis made the announcement Sunday as he spoke from his studio window to a crowd in St. Peter's Square.

(AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

French first lady hospitalized after affair report

LORI HINNANT

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The woman considered France's first lady was hospitalized after a report the president is having an affair with an actress, her office said Sunday, as a poll was released showing the French shrugging off any liaison as none of their business.

Valerie Trierweiler was hospitalized Friday — the day the magazine report and photo spread came out — for "rest and a few tests," said her chief of staff, Patrice Biancone. He said she was expected to leave Monday. Hollande

has never married but has had longtime relationships with Trierweiler and before her with French Socialist presidential candidate Segolene Royal, with whom he has four children. Rumors have circulated for months that he might have another lover.

French media face strict privacy laws, but in recent years have chipped away at the tradition of ignoring the private lives of public figures. The magazine *Closer* published images Friday showing a bodyguard and a helmeted man it said was Hollande visiting Julie Gayet, 41, a moderately known

French actress who appeared in a clip for his 2012 presidential campaign.

Hollande's popularity is already at historic lows over his failure to improve the economy, but a poll released over the weekend indicated the latest developments left the majority of French untroubled.

According to the Ifop poll for the weekly *Journal du dimanche*, 77 percent of those asked believed the liaison should be private. The poll was released before the hospitalization of Trierweiler was made public.

Hollande himself would

agree, saying in a statement that he was weighing possible legal action for "the attacks on respect for privacy, to which each citizen has a right."

For a president whose approval ratings hover around 25 percent, however, the weekend survey had less good news. More than 8 in 10 said their opinion of him had not changed.

The telephone poll of 1,025 adults was conducted on Friday and Saturday. No margin of error was given in Sunday's publication of its results, but such polls often have one of about 3 percentage points. □

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Bloody Sunday: Car bombs, clashes kill 21 in Iraq

SAMEER N. YACOB
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — A series of car bomb attacks and clashes between security forces and militants around and north of Baghdad killed at least 21 civilians, officials said Sunday, amid an ongoing standoff between Iraqi forces and al-Qaida-linked militants west of the Iraqi capital. The deadliest blast occurred at a bustling bus station in central Baghdad when an explosives-laden car exploded outside, killing at least nine people and wounding 16, a police officer said. Thousands of people use the bus station every day or pass through the area. Last Thursday, a suicide bomber blew himself up among a group of security force recruits near-

by, killing nearly two dozen. Another parked car bomb targeted a gathering of buses and taxis in Bagh-

the same police officer said. Shortly after sunset, fighting erupted in Baghdad's

authorities said. Army artillery shells later landed on the Sunni village of al-Mah-sna in Abu Ghraib, killing five civilians and wounding 13, police said.

Later, a suicide car bomb exploded in the northern town of Tuz Khormato, followed minutes later by bomb hidden in a cart nearby, Mayor Shalal Abdoul said. He said the blasts killed three people and wounded 27.

Medical officials confirmed the causality figures for all attacks. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release the information. The attacks come as Iraqi security forces and allied Sunni tribal militias in Anbar have been battling al-Qaida-linked militants from the Islamic State in

Iraq and the Levant.

Iraqi forces have yet to militarily try to reassert control over Fallujah, which remains in the hands of the militants and tribal gunmen opposed to the central government. Militants and tribal fighters also control part of the provincial capital, Ramadi. Sporadic clashes there and in surrounding areas continue to take place.

Thousands of families have left the area, fearing a government offensive. Clashes between militants and security forces have killed at least 60 people since the violence erupted after the Dec. 28 arrest of a Sunni lawmaker sought on terrorism charges and the dismantling of an anti-government Sunni protest camp in Ramadi. □



Gunmen patrol in Fallujah, 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of Baghdad, Iraq. A series of car bomb attacks and clashes between security forces and militants around and north of Baghdad killed at least 21 civilians, officials said Sunday, amid an ongoing standoff between Iraqi forces and al-Qaida-linked militants west of the Iraqi capital. (AP Photo)

dad's northern Hurriyah neighborhood, killing four civilians and wounding 12,

western suburbs of Abu Ghraib as gunmen attacked a military convoy,

Activists:

Nearly 700 dead in Syrian rebel clashes

RYAN LUCAS
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Rebel-on-rebel clashes have killed nearly 700 people over the past nine days in northern Syria in the worst bout of infighting among the opponents of President Bashar Assad since the country's civil war began, activists said Sunday.

The fighting, which pits the al-Qaida-linked Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant against several Islamist and more moderate rebel brigades, has added yet another layer of complexity to Syria's nearly 3-year conflict, while also overshadowing the broader battle against the government over the past week. The British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights activist group said Sunday that at least 697 people have been killed across seven provinces since the rebel infighting

began Jan. 3. The toll includes 351 fighters from the Islamist and mainstream opposition brigades, 246 from the "Islamic State," and 100 civilians.

The "Islamic State" muscled its way into opposition-held territory in northern Syria last spring, co-opting some weaker rebel brigades and crushing others. Initially welcomed by some residents for bringing a measure of order, the extremist group over time alienated many other rebel factions and large chunks of the civilian population by using brutal tactics to implement its strict interpretation of Islamic law. It has also kidnapped and killed its opponents. The rebel infighting comes less than two weeks ahead of a planned international conference in Switzerland that aims to broker a political solution to the Syrian civil war. □

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Haiti's President Michel Martelly, left, and first lady Sophia Martelly, center, place a bouquet of flowers at a monument in memory of the victims of the 2010 earthquake, during a memorial service at Titanyen, a mass burial site for earthquake victims, north of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014. Martelly's government issued a decree declaring Jan. 12 a day of remembrance and reflection. The Haitian flag is being flown at half-staff, and clubs are to remain closed.

(AP Photo/Jean Marc Herve Abelard)

Haiti PM highlights headway 4 years after massive quake

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Haiti's prime minister said Friday that his government has made headway in rebuilding the country following a devastating earthquake four years ago, citing a drop in the number of people living in settlements camps and the construction of thousands of new houses.

With senior officials at his side, Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe delivered a progress report on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the 2010 quake.

"I think (the rebuilding effort) has gone very well, enormously well, considering the enormous challenges and the enormous lack of resources that we had when we started," Lamothe told The Associated Press following his talk.

In the presentation, Lamothe highlighted the construction of more than 5,000 homes, the arrival of more than 700,000 tourists last year, the distribution of 55,000 seed kits to farmers and economic growth.

One of the most criticized aspects of Haiti's recovery effort has been providing housing for people displaced by the quake. Some 1.5 million people moved into makeshift settlements after the disaster.

But from its peak, the number of people living in the gloomy encampments has fallen to 146,000 at 271 sites, the International Organization for Migration said. The drop stems from a mix of voluntary departures, distribution of rental subsidies and violent evictions. Lamothe lauded that drop on Friday.

Housing activists complain that the decline doesn't reflect an increase in housing availability — a problem conceded by the prime minister.

"We have to do more in fixing the difficult housing problems in order to have a long-term housing solution," he said.

Foreign governments and humanitarian groups rushed to offer billions of dollars in reconstruction aid after the quake. But the money hasn't flowed in as promised, partly because of worries about Haiti's political infighting and corruption as well as the reluctance of donors to provide funds amid a global economic downturn.

Looking ahead to further reconstruction, Lamothe said his government has drafted legislation to require non-government groups to register and report their spending plans as a way to avoid duplication with other groups. □

Firefights in Mexico as vigilantes advance

EDUARDO VERDUGO
Associated Press

NUEVA ITALIA, Mexico (AP)

— Gunfire erupted Sunday in the western Mexico as hundreds of vigilantes continued a battle for territory with a drug cartel, and Mexico's top security officials prepared to move yet again to try to stop the violence.

Members of so-called self-

a meeting on Monday in the state capital to lay out a strategy to reclaim the peace.

Hundreds of vigilantes arrived in Nueva Italia late Sunday morning in a caravan of large trucks, surrounding the City Hall and disarming local police. An Associated Press journalist on the scene witnessed citizens initially welcoming

Pena Nieto's government already has sent thousands of units to the state.

Vallejo said he formally asked Interior Minister Miguel Angel Osorio Chong on Friday for more federal forces, "given insufficient state and municipal police."

The self-defense groups claim that local and state police are in the employ of



Men belonging to the Self-Defense Council of Michacan, (CAM), ride on a sandbag filled truck while trying to flush out alleged members of the Knights Templar drug cartel from the town of Nueva Italia, Mexico, Sunday Jan. 12, 2014. The vigilantes say they are liberating territory in the so-called Tierra Caliente and are aiming for the farming hub of Apatzingan, said to be the cartel's central command. Mexican military troops are staying outside the town and there are no federal police in sight.

(AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)

defense groups entered the town of Nueva Italia on a campaign they say is designed to liberate towns from the control of the Knights Templar cartel. Opponents and critics say the vigilantes are backed by a rival cartel, something the groups vehemently deny. Michoacan state Gov. Fausto Vallejo gave a brief statement Sunday saying he has formally asked the federal government for more help to quell the violence, and announced

them. But firefights broke out almost immediately in and around the center square. Only one injury was reported by mid-day.

Gunfire could be heard around the city as the Mexican military stayed outside, guarding the road into town. There were no federal police or uniformed authorities inside the town, though violence between vigilantes and alleged cartel members has racked Michoacan for almost a year, and President Enrique

the Knights Templar. Violence in the state has flared in the last several days as vigilantes have been on a march, taking over the towns of Paracuaro and Antunez and advancing toward the farming hub of Apatzingan, said to be the cartel's central command. The federal government has said the civilian groups are operating on the margins of the law, and they carry high-caliber weapons that Mexico only allows for military use. □

Colombia lets trapped Cubans seek asylum

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) —

Six Cubans who have been stranded at Bogota's international airport are being allowed to seek asylum in Colombia.

The country's Foreign Ministry says the action follows a petition from the U.N. refugee agency. The six Cubans are being given a

safe conduct pass for five days, during which they can apply for refugee status.

It said late Friday the six have already left the airport.

The Cubans tried to fly to Ecuador, but officials there did not let them enter. On a return flight stop in Co-

lombia, they refused to board a plane for Havana and asked for asylum. The Colombian government at first refused to accept their petition on grounds they were merely in the airport transit area. Attention to the case mounted as they announced a hunger strike. □



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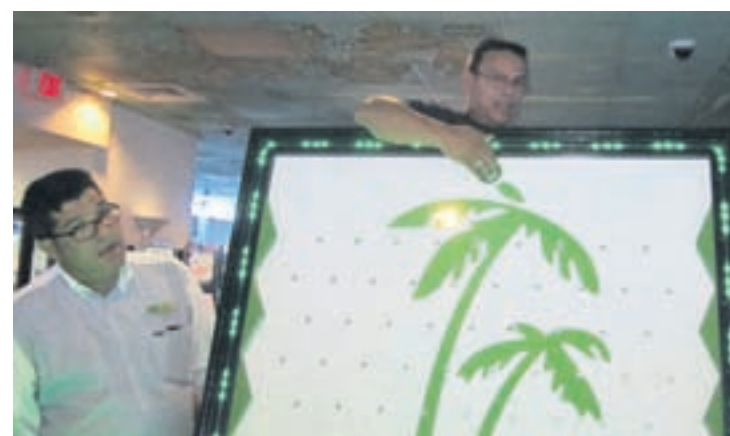
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Denver Broncos wide receiver Wes Welker (83) catches a pass for a touchdown against the San Diego Chargers in the second quarter of an NFL AFC division playoff football game, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, in Denver.

Associated Press

Broncos top Chargers, make AFC title game

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**
AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER (AP) — Peyton Manning welcomed Wes Welker back into the lineup with a touchdown toss and the Denver Broncos narrowly avoided a repeat of their playoff slip from last year, advancing to the AFC championship game with a 24-17 win over the San Diego Chargers on Sunday. The Broncos (14-3) took a 17-0 lead into the fourth quarter. Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers then capitalized on an injury to cornerback Chris Harris Jr. to stage a comeback reminiscent of Baltimore's

shocking win at Denver exactly a year earlier. This time, however, Manning rescued the Broncos from the brink of another crushing collapse and sent them into the title game for the first time in eight seasons. They'll host the New England Patriots (13-4) on Sunday. Get ready for Brady vs. Manning once more. In the most recent match-up of QBs with Hall of Fame credentials, Tom Brady and the Patriots rallied past Manning and the visiting Broncos 34-31 in overtime on Nov. 24. "It's the Broncos versus the

Patriots and certainly Tom and I have played against each other a lot," Manning said after beating San Diego. "But when you get to the AFC championship, it's about two good teams that have been through a lot to get there." Manning ended a personal three-game postseason skid in winning for the first time since leading Indianapolis over the Jets 30-17 in the AFC championship game on Jan. 24, 2010. Manning completed 25 of 36 passes for 230 yards and two TDs, numbers that weren't quite up to the standards he set during a

record-breaking regular season when he established new benchmarks with 55 TD throws and 5,447 yards through the air. But it was windy and the Broncos were intent on establishing the run and controlling the clock. San Diego had Manning and his high-octane offense cooling their cleats on the sideline for more than 38 minutes in both of their meetings during the regular season, when both teams won on the road. Denver had the ball for 35 minutes, 27 seconds in this game, to San Diego's 24:33.

After gaining just 18 yards on the ground against San Diego last month, the Broncos ran for 133 yards, including 82 by Knowshon Moreno, whose 3-yard TD run put them ahead 24-7 with 8:12 left. After that, things got interesting. Quentin Jammer, who gave up San Diego's first TD, a 16-yarder to Keenen Allen early in the fourth quarter, surrendered a 49-yard catch by Allen on fourth-and-5 from the San Diego 25 with seven minutes left.

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NFL Roundup

Kaepernick lifts 49ers over Panthers 23-10



San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Anquan Boldin (81) celebrates a catch against the Carolina Panthers during the second half of a divisional playoff NFL football game, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, in Charlotte, N.C.

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Colin Kaepernick threw one touchdown pass and ran for another score as the San Francisco 49ers defeated the Carolina Panthers 23-10 on Sunday to advance to the NFC championship game for the third straight season. Kaepernick completed 15 of 28 passes for 196 yards, avenging his worst statistical performance of the season two months ago against the Panthers. Anquan Boldin had eight catches for 136 yards and Frank Gore ran for 84 yards on 17 carries for the 49ers (14-4), who'll travel to Seattle next Sunday looking for a return trip to the Super

Bowl. San Francisco split two games with the Seahawks this season. The 49ers held Cam Newton in check, intercepting him twice and sacking him four times while stopping the Panthers (12-5) twice on a 1-yard line. It was a rough playoff debut for the former Heisman Trophy winner. Linebacker Ahmad Brooks stopped Newton on a fourth-down sneak early in the second. Later, Brooks vaulted over the line and past Newton — he was called for offsides, but the 49ers showed the Panthers it wouldn't be easy. Carolina's vaunted pass rush, which led the league

with 60 sacks, got to Kaepernick only once and the defense was flagged for three costly penalties leading to 13 points. The 49ers benefited from a missed call in which officials failed to recognize they had 12 men in the huddle before a go-ahead TD pass from Kaepernick to Vernon

Davis at end of the first half. Had the officials seen it, there would have been a 5-yard penalty. Carolina won 10-9 in November in San Francisco, yet once again had trouble scoring. Kaepernick extended San Francisco's lead to 20-10 early in the third quarter on

a 4-yard touchdown run off a read option, then imitated Newton's Superman-style celebration by pretending to rip open his shirt. The 49ers took a 13-10 lead into the locker room after Davis hauled in a 1-yard touchdown in the back of the end zone with 5 seconds left in the first half. □



Americans stumble in World Cup 4-man bobsled race

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland (AP) — Latvia won a four-man World Cup bobsled race Sunday, while the U.S. team capped another rough week after a solid start to the season.

Reigning Olympic champion Steven Holcomb and his team of Steve Langton, Curt Tomasevicz and Chris Fogt were seventh in 2:10.29. Holcomb won all three four-man races in North America, but has posted an average finish of 11.3 in three European events and dropped to fourth in the points standings.

"This hurts the team morale a bit, but we have a couple more races to go," Holcomb said. "We'll keep fighting the good fight."

USA-2 pilot Nick Cunningham fared even worse.



Steven Holcomb, Curtis Tomasevicz, Steven Langton and Christopher Fogt compete in the four-man bobsled World Cup competition in St. Moritz, Switzerland, on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014. Team Holcomb finished 7th.

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Cunningham was third after the first run, then lost control and crashed in the second run. Even though his sled crossed the finish line, Cunningham was disqualified and awarded no points because one of his push athletes, Dallas Robinson, was out of the sled at the time. Robinson fell out of the sled shortly after the crash.

Latvian pilot Oskars Melbardis earned his first victory of the season after not finishing better than fourth in a World Cup race. He and push athletes Daumants Dreiskens, Arvis Vilkaite and Janis Strenga finished two runs in 2 minutes, 9.52 seconds. Russian pilot Alexander Zubkov finished second, 0.23 seconds back. Maximilian Arndt of Germany took third. □

South African Louis Oosthuizen wins Volvo Champions

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Associated Press

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) — South African Louis Oosthuizen birdied his closing two holes to retain the Volvo Champions title on Sunday after an earlier eagle on the eighth.

The 2010 British Open winner shot a 4-under 68 for an overall 12-under 276 and claimed his seventh win on the European Tour.

Oosthuizen finished a stroke ahead of fellow South African Branden Grace who also shot a 68 on the Durban Country Club course. It was Oosthuizen's first success since winning this elite 36-player event a year ago.

After a slow start, with pars on the opening seven holes, Oosthuizen sank a 12-foot eagle putt at the par five No. 8.

He drew level with Grace with a birdie at the 17th and then claimed the win by holing a 2-foot birdie putt at the last.

"When I eagled the eighth hole I felt I could go on and make a few birdies from there on and, while stopped by a bogey on 10, I just felt really comfortable out there," Oosthuizen said.



In this Nov. 5, 2011 file photo, Louis Oosthuizen of South Africa tees off during the third round of the HSBC Champions golf tournament in Shanghai, China.

Associated Press

"I noticed when I was about to play my shot at 17 that Branden had finished on 11-under par, so I needed to give myself a good opportunity to tie him and I did and then managed to birdie the last." Oosthuizen came into the event

with a persistent lower back injury. "I've still got a few niggles that I need to work on with my back, but it's been great this week and not causing me much concern," he said. Grace recorded his best finish in more than a year after

winning four times in 2012, including starting that year with a Volvo Champions success, but then going without a win in 2013. The 25-year old Grace capped his round with three birdies in succession at the sixth hole and then

birdied two of his closing three holes.

"I thought I played some superb golf today," Grace said. England's Tommy Fleetwood (72) and Dutchman Joost Luiten (71) shared third on 10-under. □

Broncos

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That led to Allen's second TD, also from 16 yards out, that pulled the Chargers to 24-14 with 5:43 left.

Eric Decker then made his third big blunder of the day, flubbing the onside kick, which San Diego recovered.

Nick Novak's 30-yard field goal with 3:53 pulled the Chargers (10-8) to within a touchdown.

Novak followed with a pooch kick, and Trindon Holliday secured the ball at the Denver 27 with 3:51 left. Manning converted two third-down throws to tight end Julius Thomas, the first one a nifty 21-yarder on third-and-17 from his 20 and then a third-and-6 from his 45-yard line.

Then, on third-and-1, Moreno burst up the middle for 5 yards with a minute left and the offensive linemen high-fived each other.

All Manning had to do at that point was take a knee — just like he did last year at the end of regulation after Jacoby Jones had



San Diego Chargers wide receiver Keenan Allen (13) catches a pass for a touchdown against Denver Broncos cornerback Quentin Jammer (23) in the fourth quarter of an NFL AFC division playoff football game, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, in Denver.

Associated Press

hauled in Joe Flacco's 70-yard desperation throw with 31 seconds left to tie the game.

In that game, coach John Fox ordered Manning to take a knee even though he had three timeouts left so he could take his chances in overtime. And the Broncos lost 38-35 in double overtime.

Those boos were replaced by cheers in this game, the scowls by smiles.

Allen finished with six catches for 142 yards as the Chargers lost for the first time in six weeks.

The Broncos took a 14-0 halftime lead that could have easily been 21-0 if not for blunders by Decker, who tripped with no de-

fender near him at the San Diego 30-yard line after a 47-yard punt return.

Then, on third-and-goal from the 4, Manning hit him with a perfect pass as he cut across the back of the end zone, but it bounced off his chest and into the arms of linebacker Donald Butler with 30 seconds left. Manning threw up his arms

in disbelief after his first red zone interception of the season — following 39 red-zone TDs.

Thomas also had a turnover, but it wasn't that costly as Novak slipped and his foot hit the ground on a 53-yard field goal try that was short and wide left.

The Chargers were the only opponent to win in Denver all season, prevailing 27-20 exactly a month earlier when the Broncos were missing Welker (concussion) and went 2 for 9 on third down. Continued Welker finished with six catches for 38 yards, although he dropped his first pass and also couldn't hold onto another 27-yarder at the goal line.

Manning led a 14-play, 86-yard drive that chewed up 7 minutes on Denver's first drive. He capped it with a 2-yard strike to Demaryius Thomas, then hit Welker from 3 yards out in the second quarter to make it 14-0.

This was the 109th meeting between the original AFL rivals but the first in the postseason. □

Wawrinka 1st man to advance at Australian Open

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MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Stanislas Wawrinka was the first man through to the second round at the Australian Open, advancing after just 15 games Monday when Andrey Golubev retired with an injured left leg.

The No. 8-seeded Wawrinka, who lost 12-10 in the fifth set to eventual champion Novak Djokovic in the fourth round here last year in the longest Grand Slam match of 2013, was leading 6-4, 6-1 when his Kazakhstan rival quit. Golubev took a medical time out and had his lower left leg taped when he was down 5-2 in the first.

Wawrinka won the Chennai Open in India to start 2014 and is one of the big threats on the bottom half of the draw that includes three-time defending champion Djokovic and No. 3 David Ferrer. Wawrinka was only on court for 65 minutes and played 91 points, a lucky break at the start of the week where temperatures are expected to be steamy.

No. 18-seeded Kirsten Flipkens, a Wimbledon semifinalist last year, was the first woman to advance when she beat Britain's Laura Robson 6-3, 6-0. In another fast-finishing first-rounder, Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic had a 6-0, 6-1 win over French wildcard Pauline Parmentier.

Flipkens made only four unforced errors against 32 for Robson, who was ranked 48th and knocked out 2011 Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova in reaching the third round at last year's Australian Open. □



Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland makes a backhand return to Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan during their first round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Monday, Jan. 13, 2014.

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Yankees get more to spend as Tanaka talks to teams

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NEW YORK (AP) — The Yankees got \$22 million in extra spending money Saturday. Alex Rodriguez's season-long suspension gives New York some space under the \$189 million tax threshold just as coveted free-agent pitcher Masahiro Tanaka is negotiating with major league teams.

But arbitrator Fredric Horowitz's decision Saturday leaves many questions:

—Who will play third base for the Yankees?

—Will Rodriguez be with the team at spring training?

—Exactly how much space has been created in their luxury tax payroll?

Among the internal options at third base, Kelly Johnson has played 16 major league games at third — all with Tampa Bay last year — and Brendan Ryan has played 29 games at third but none since 2008. While Eduardo Nunez has appeared in 78 games at third, he seems more comfortable as a shortstop.

Mark Reynolds became a free agent but could be re-signed, and Michael Young also is on the market. New York might ask free-agent Stephen Drew whether he'd be interested in moving to third.



In this Aug. 20, 2013 file photo, New York Yankees Alex Rodriguez reacts after striking out in the second inning of the second game of a baseball doubleheader at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Associated Press

"A number of teams have spoken to Stephen about playing positions other than shortstop," said Drew's agent, Scott Boras.

Rodriguez has a record \$275 million, 10-year contract that calls for him to make \$25 million this year, \$21 million in 2015 and \$20 million in each of the final two seasons. The ruling re-

lieves the Yankees of most of his 2014 salary.

"The New York Yankees respect Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program, the arbitration process, as well as the decision released today by the arbitration panel," was all the team said in its only comment.

Before the decision, New

York's luxury tax payroll stood at \$175.7 million for 13 signed players. Add in Brian Roberts' pending \$2 million deal and about \$11.5 million for benefits, and the total was \$189.2 million. That figure also doesn't include five players eligible for salary arbitration: outfielder Brett Gardner, pitchers Ivan Nova, David Robertson and Shawn Kelley and catcher Francisco Cervelli — who is returning from a 50-game drug suspension. And then there are the rest of the players who fill out the 40-man roster.

Horowitz ruled Rodriguez is entitled to 21-183rds of this year's salary, or about 11.5 percent, a person familiar with the decision said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the ruling was not made public. That's because the drug agreement sets the number of days of lost salary based on games suspended over the 183-day season regardless of the total of days a player is banned.

Rodriguez will receive \$2,868,852, and the \$22,131,148 in lost salary lowers Rodriguez's contract total to approximately \$252.87 million. The suspension does not impact the final \$3 million payment of Rodriguez's \$10 million signing bonus, which is due

Wednesday.

He has counted for \$27.5 million on the Yankees' luxury tax payroll in each of the last six seasons, and the Yankees could argue they should be credited for the difference between that figure and the new \$25.3 million average, either as refunds for tax payments in the last six years or as an additional amount to be spent without incurring tax in the future seasons. The decision would be up to MLB and the players' union.

Also unclear is whether Rodriguez will be at the Yankees' spring training camp, which starts in mid-February at Tampa, Fla.

The drug agreement specifies spring training games are not included in any suspensions, and players getting ready to serve suspensions have appeared in exhibition games — such as Philadelphia catcher Carlos Ruiz and Oakland pitcher Bartolo Colon, both last year.

But MLB and the Yankees could attempt to keep away Rodriguez, arguing he has no season to prepare for.

A-Rod has spent parts of the last six years on the disabled list due to a string of injuries, and he made his 2013 debut on Aug. 5 — hours after his suspension was announced. He hit just .244 with seven homers and 19 RBIs in 156 at-bats and will be 39 when he is eligible to return.

Whether Rodriguez ever plays for the Yankees again is a matter to be decided later.

In addition to his remaining pay, he can earn \$6 million for each of five milestone accomplishments. They were contemplated to be tying the home run marks of Willie Mays (660), Babe Ruth (714), Hank Aaron (755) and Bonds (762), and breaking Bonds' major league record. Rodriguez has 654 homers.

Given his pride and the monetary incentive, it's hard to envision him leaving the baseball without trying to add to his on-field accomplishments. □



Buggy driver Carlos Sainz of Spain and co-pilot Timo Gottschalk of Germany race in the dunes during the second stage of the Dakar Rally between the cities of San Luis and San Rafael in San Rafael, Argentina, Monday Jan. 6, 2014.

Associated Press

UYUNI, Bolivia (AP) — Carlos Sainz of Spain won the seventh stage of the Dakar Rally on Sunday, while countryman Nani Roma

maintained a large lead in the overall standings for cars.

The car division drove a 500-kilometer loop near

Carlos Sainz wins 7th stage of Dakar Rally

Salta, Argentina, and Sainz took advantage of a speedy special suited to his buggy to lead for the entire day and win his second stage of the race and 27th in his Dakar history.

He was followed in rapid succession by Nasser Al-Attiyah of Qatar, defending champion Stephane Peterhansel of France, and Roma. Roma took the overall lead Thursday and aims to become only the third man to win the Dakar both on a motorbike (2004) and in a car. Peterhansel, second overall, had to slow for herds of llama and could only cut his deficit

to Roma by two minutes to be 32 minutes behind. Third-place Giniel de Villiers, the 2009 champ and runner-up last year, suffered a puncture and finished eighth on the stage and dropped 48 minutes off the pace. Unlike the cars, the motorbikes took the Dakar into Bolivia for the first time, but heavy rain on Saturday forced organizers to lop 300 kilometers of muddy track off the special, leaving only a 100-kilometer race to the edge of the Salar de Uyuni, the world's largest and highest salt flats at 3,600 meters (11,800 feet). □

3-D printing set to break out of niche

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Some of the oddest items on display this week at the International CES gadget show were edible, origami-like sculptures made of sugar, their shapes so convoluted as to baffle the eye.

The treats are one of many signs that we'll all be getting a taste of 3-D printing soon —and the phenomenon won't be relegated to the realm of engineers and tech enthusiasts.

The sugar sculptures are the output of the ChefJet Pro, the first commercial, kitchen-ready food printer. It looks like an oven, and deposits sugar layer by layer in a tray, then melts the parts intended for the sculpture with water so they solidify much like sugar in a bowl will harden with moisture.

Ink can be selectively added to the water so the sculptures come out in full color — a feature sure to set the minds of wedding and party planners spinning. Next to the geometric sculptures was a wedding cake supported by a delicate lattice-work tower of sugar that would be nearly impossible to make by conventional means.

Oh, and the printer can print in chocolate too.

3D Systems Inc., a Rock Hill, South Carolina, company, expects to sell the full-color printer for about \$100,000 in the latter half of this year, and a monochrome version for half that price.

Last year, there were only a handful of 3-D printing companies at the gadget show. This year, there were thirty, and the organizers had to turn others away because they couldn't fit them in. The 3-D printing area of the show floor drew dense crowds that gawked at the printers and their creations, which ranged from toys to tea cups to iPhone cases.

Melissa Spencer, a jewelry designer from Los Angeles, was at the show to look for a printer. 3-D printers have been used in jewelry-making for a long time, but high prices and poor resolution

have limited their use. With prices down and output quality up, it's now possible for an independent designer to buy her own printer, Spencer said.

The printers focus bright ultraviolet light into liquid resin, setting it. That takes time. One printer maker cited 7 hours for a batch of five rings. The plastic pieces are then used to create molds for molten silver, gold or platinum.

Spencer is now toying with the idea of abandoning the reuse of molds, and instead using the power of a 3-D printer to make every piece a one-off, unique design, customized to the buyer. It helps that she can show the plastic prototypes to the customer before casting.

With 3-D printing, "we're moving to a world of mass customization," said Shawn Dubravac, an analyst for the Consumer Electronics Association, which puts on the show. What started with custom-printed T-shirts a la CafePress can now happen in all kinds of industries, he added. It's still a small field, though.

He expects that just under 100,000 3-D printers will be sold in 2014.

One jewelry company was at CES to demonstrate how it has taken the capabilities of the 3-D printer and made them the core of its business. American Pearl, a family-owned company founded in 1950, in November revamped its website to allow shoppers to order custom jewelry. From about 1,000 basic designs, the buyers can change metals and stones and order engravings and they can see the results rendered in 3-D on their computer screens. The company prints the orders in 3-D in its factory in New York.

The approach lets the company keep prices low while satisfying customers' demands for unique pieces, said American Pearl president Eddie Bakhsh. "If you saw the backend of our system, you'd see that every order coming in is different."

The mass customization



A trade show attendee examines a centerpiece confection made with a ChefJet Pro 3D food printer on display at the International Consumer Electronics Show, Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014, in Las Vegas. The candies are made with sugar, food coloring and a single flavor.

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capability is useful in unexpected fields. Bre Pettis, the CEO of New York-based printer manufacturer MakerBot, is proud that a customer, a South African carpenter who had lost four fingers in an accident, figured out how to use a printer to make a mechanical hand for himself. He distributed the blueprints to other MakerBot users, who can tweak them to fit.

"Normally, prosthetics cost tens of thousands of dollars, but with the MakerBot, they cost five dollars in materials," Pettis said.

MakerBot unveiled new models at the show, including its biggest one yet, which is the size of a mini-fridge, costs \$6,499 and can print objects the size of a human head. It also launched a smaller version, the Replicator Mini, which can create cupcake-sized objects. It will cost \$1,375 when it launches this spring. MakerBot will be undersold, however, by XYZprinting Inc. of Taiwan, which plans to sell its Da Vinci printer starting in March in the U.S. for \$499. That's a price

that's bound to attract a lot of people who would never have imagined, a year ago, that they'd have a 3-D printer in the house. The MakerBot and Da Vinci printers take rolls of plastic wire and melt them, piece by piece, depositing tiny dots to create objects. The resulting pieces can be light and strong, but their surfaces show a characteristic banded texture and the resolution is limited; the overall impression is crude. The light-curing models used by jewelers and engineers produce smooth objects with fine detail, but they've been out of reach of consumers and tinkerers until now.

The show provided hope on that front, however: XFab, an Italian company that's made professional 3-D printers for a decade, demonstrated a \$5,000 la-

ser-powered model at the show, and said it is looking at launching a smaller, \$2,500 model later this year. That's roughly the price of the standard MakerBot, which has been the vanguard of the consumer 3-D printing movement so far.

Elsewhere at the show, there was a "technology fashion" show that featured 3-D-printed shoes and a bag with appliques created on a consumer-level, computer-controlled cloth cutter, the Brother ScanNCut.

"The question in my mind is not 'Will we have a 3-D printer in each home?' but 'Which room will it be in?'" said Avi Reichental, the CEO of 3D Systems. "Will it be in your garage? Will it be in your kids' room, or the man cave ... Or the wardrobe?" □



Neiman Marcus confirms security breach

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NEW YORK (AP) — Luxury merchant Neiman Marcus confirmed Saturday that thieves stole some of its customers' payment card information and made unauthorized charges over the holiday season, becoming the second retailer in recent weeks to announce it had fallen victim to a cyber-security attack. The hacking, coming weeks after Target Corp. revealed its own breach, underscores the increasing challenges that merchants have in thwarting security breaches. Ginger Reeder, spokeswoman for Dallas-based

customers whose cards it now knows were used fraudulently. Neiman Marcus, which operates more than 40 upscale stores and clearance stores, is working with the Secret Service on the breach, she said. "We have begun to contain the intrusion and have taken significant steps to further enhance information security," Reeder wrote.

Robert Siciliano, an expert with McAfee, a computer security software maker, says it is possible Neiman Marcus doesn't yet know the extent of the breach. He says he believes that the Neiman Marcus and Target thefts were likely commit-

as 70 million customers as part of a data breach it discovered last month.

The Minneapolis-based Target announced Dec. 19 that some 40 million credit and debit card accounts had been affected by a data breach that happened from Nov. 27 to Dec. 15 — just as the holiday shopping season was getting into gear.

As part of that announcement, the company said customers' names, credit and debit card numbers, card expiration dates, debit-card PINs and the embedded code on the magnetic strip on the back of cards had been stolen.

According to new informa-



The Chicago skyline is reflected in the exterior of Neiman Marcus on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Neiman Marcus confirmed Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 that thieves may have stolen customers' credit and debit card information and made unauthorized charges over the holiday season, becoming the second retailer in recent weeks to announce it had fallen victim to a cyber-security attack.

(AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)

Neiman Marcus Group Ltd., said in an email Saturday that the retailer had been notified in mid-December by its credit card processor about potentially unauthorized payment activity following customer purchases at stores. On Jan. 1, a forensics firm confirmed evidence that the upscale retailer was a victim of a criminal cyber-security intrusion and that some customers' credit and debit cards were possibly compromised as a result.

Reeder wouldn't estimate how many customers may be affected but said the merchant is notifying

ted by the same organized group, based on his experience and the fact that the incidents happened at around the same time.

"It's a knee-jerk reaction that the security industry has right now," he added. Target disclosed Friday that its massive data theft was significantly more extensive and affected millions more shoppers than the company announced in December.

The second largest U.S. discounter said hackers stole personal information — including names, phone numbers, email and mailing addresses — from as many

tion gleaned from its investigation with the Secret Service and the Department of Justice, Target said Friday that criminals also took non-credit card related data for some 70 million customers.

This is information Target obtained from customers who, among other things, used a call center and offered their phone number or shopped online and provided an email address.

Some overlap exists between the 70 million individuals and the 40 million compromised credit and debit accounts, Target said.

Moelis is said to ready potential IPO

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Moelis & Co., the boutique investment bank founded by Kenneth D. Moelis, has begun working with advisers on a potential initial public offering, people briefed on the matter said this weekend.

The firm is working with Goldman Sachs and is expected to add other counselors as well. Executives at the firm have entertained pitches from potential underwriters in recent months.

It is not clear whether the investment bank will go forward with an IPO or pursue another transaction.

If Moelis goes public, it will be joining a handful of independent investment banks that already reside on the stock markets. And it would come at a time when these firms — smaller than the likes of Goldman Sachs or JPMorgan Chase — have nonetheless been collecting more deal fees.

Since its founding in 2007, Moelis has become one of the biggest of the independent banks, dispensing advice on mergers, bankruptcies and other corporate transactions across the globe. Among its biggest assignments last year was the merger of advertising giants Omnicom and Publicis.

The firm has also advised governments as well, including that of Dubai on the reorganization of Dubai World.

Moelis ranked 15th in worldwide announced deals last year and fourth in announced restructurings, according to data from Thomson Reuters.

While Moelis counts Sumitomo Mitsui, one of Japan's biggest banks, as one of its investors, much of its privately held stock lies in the hands of the deal-makers it has hired over the years. Many of these bankers, especially recent recruits, have counted on an IPO or a sale of the firm to provide them with a big payout.

A spokeswoman for the firm declined to comment.

News of Moelis' preparations was reported earlier by The Wall Street Journal.

Bank tells junior staff to take a day off

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For the ambitious college graduates who flock to Wall Street, working into the wee hours or even pulling all-nighters is an unwritten expectation of the job. Spending both Saturdays and Sundays at the office is the norm.

But Friday, Bank of America Merrill Lynch issued a small reprieve for those with grueling schedules: take four days off a month on the weekends.

Such an offer from an employer would sound like punishment for the average worker. But for junior employees of Bank of America Merrill Lynch, that recommendation was intended as a bit of relief.

Merrill Lynch, the investment bank unit, said in an internal memo Friday that its analysts and associates — the two lowest-ranking employee levels — should try to spend four weekend days away from the office each month, part of a broader effort to improve working conditions.

"We are committed to making the work experience better for junior bankers and believe these enhancements will help ensure they have the resources and support needed to succeed," Christian Meissner, head of global corporate and investment banking at the bank, said in the memo, which was reviewed by The New York Times. A spokesman confirmed the memo's contents.

The effort, coming after a review of several months, is the latest sign Wall Street banks are taking a critical look at the hard-charging culture of these jobs, which are often seen as steppingstones to higher-ranking positions with better salaries (and, eventually, weekends off).

In a stellar quarter, three funds that went over the top

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Nearly every style of stock fund rose in the fourth quarter of 2013, and the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index continued its long sprint, returning 9.9 percent. But the stewards of three of the top-performing mutual funds beat even that heady return, finding gains in sectors as diverse as trucking, technology and automotive paint shops.

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George A. Henning, manager of Pacific Advisors Small Cap Value fund, used the venerable strategy of buying value stocks of small-capitalization companies. When Henning likes a stock, he hangs on for years. His fund's recent turnover ratio was a tiny 12 percent, compared with 70 percent for the average stock fund tracked by Morningstar.

Henning is a generalist - meaning that his fund can invest in any sector - but he has lately favored old-school fare. The portfolio, which contained 30 stocks at the end of September, was heavy on energy and industrial companies, like DXP Enterprises, an industrial equipment maker, and light on technology names. Henning has been buying shares of Saia, a trucking company, since 2003, after it was spun off by YRC Worldwide, another freight hauler.

He said he likes truckers because their revenue tends to grow with the economy. The better ones also have pricing power when the economy slows because weaker players will go out of business, he said, and the remaining outfits can raise rates.

The fund's expenses are high, with an expense ratio of 2.71 percent. That compares with an average of 1.37 percent for stock funds followed by Morningstar. Investors have been attracted to the fund: it recently reached \$211.6 million in assets, compared with \$92.5 million at the end of 2012; that should bring economies of scale, and so, he said, the ratio should

fall.

The fund's long-term performance also partly justifies its high cost, Henning said. The fund "is not a closet index fund - our returns have come from stock picking," he said. Morningstar ranks it as the best performer in its niche of small-cap blend funds over the last decade. Henning has run the fund since 1993, starting it after a career in insurance, where he helped the Chubb Group start its first variable annuity life insurance policy. That piqued an interest in investing.

and often clings to them. The fund's recent turnover ratio was 50 percent, versus nearly 140 percent for the average technology fund tracked by Morningstar. The portfolio's holdings in September - the last reported list - included two stocks with more than a decade of history in the fund: Euronet Worldwide and Samsung Electronics.

Shafran has also favored health care stocks more than many other tech managers; his health care stake was nearly five times that of the average tech fund

ment app for smartphones. According to its last report, the fund was also invested in Brazil, China, India and South Korea. Most technology funds hew more closely to the developed world. One of the fund's more typical tech holdings was Cree, at nearly 5 percent of the portfolio at the end of November. Cree makes light-emitting diodes, "taking a systems-based approach" by building light bulbs and arrays, Shafran said. "LED lighting makes more sense every day - the technology is getting bet-

He said he trades more often than average because he bases his approach on behavioral economics, which studies the ways that people depart from economic orthodoxy in decision-making. A main behavioral finding is that people exhibit confirmation bias, giving greater credence to information that supports their beliefs and less to contradictory information.

This bias can create temporary stock mispricings, he said. When a company reports higher earnings



Ralf Scherschmidt, manager of the Oberweis International Opportunities fund, in New York, Jan. 8, 2014. Some of the best-performing mutual funds for the final three months of 2013 found gains in sectors as diverse as trucking, technology and automotive paint shops. (Angel Franco/The New York Times)

Since then, the fund has returned an annualized average of 11.45 percent. It returned 14.29 percent in the fourth quarter.

TECH AND LOW TURNOVER

While Henning shies away from tech companies, Zachary H. Shafran scurries to them. They're his specialty at the Waddell & Reed Science and Technology fund.

In some ways, though, his style resembles Henning's. Shafran too, holds fewer stocks than average - 58 at the end of November -

tracked by Morningstar. "No sector is off limits," he said. "We're looking for growth that's technology driven, and we find opportunities in every sector and every geography." He surmised that retail was the only sector where the fund had not invested in his 12-year tenure.

A recent bet was Qiwi, which processes electronic payments in Russia and Ukraine. Shafran invested because of Qiwi's strong market position and its partnership with Visa to create the Visa Qiwi Wallet, a pay-

ter, and that's continuing to drive the cost down," he said.

The Y shares of his fund, which are available to institutional investors, have an expense ratio of 1.01 percent and returned 13.9 percent in the fourth quarter.

AN EYE ON MISPRICING

Unlike Henning or Shafran, Ralf A. Scherschmidt, manager of the Oberweis International Opportunities fund, zips in and out of investments. The fund's recent annual turnover was 280 percent.

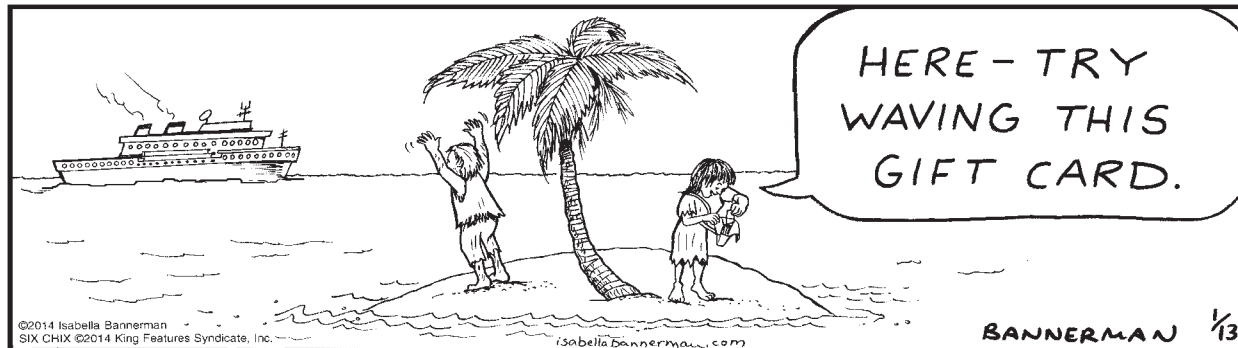
than the analyst consensus, some investors won't immediately update their views, he said. Weeks or months can pass before the stock price fully reflects the new information. Scherschmidt sells once the price has adjusted.

"The tendency to stick to established beliefs is one of the most ingrained human tendencies," he said. "And when companies are undergoing change, analysts have a tendency to discount information that disagrees with their established views." □

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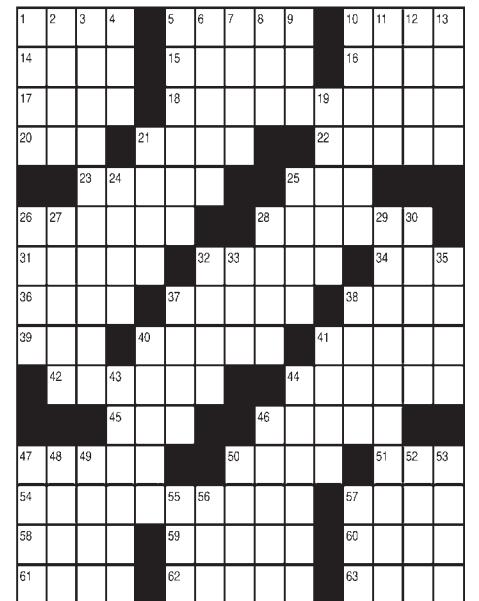
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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5	8	6	2	7	9	4	3	1
3	1	8	5	2	7	6	4	9
6	7	4	9	1	3	5	8	2
2	9	5	4	6	8	3	1	7
9	6	2	7	8	4	1	5	3
8	5	1	6	3	2	9	7	4
4	3	7	1	9	5	8	2	6

ACROSS

- Riot control police spray
- Tiny piece of land in the sea
- Actress Chase
- Not close; way off
- Steeple
- Lunchtime
- Mildew
- Period for relaxing and having fun
- Run up a tab
- Place in order of importance
- Actor Tom
- Lose vital fluid
- 1/60 of a min.
- Exhilaration
- Michael or Diane
- All prepared
- Tire ridge pattern
- Dyer's tub
- Dines
- Entrance hall
- One of Jacob's 12 sons
- Night before
- inn chain
- Drill or awl
- Albert & Fisher
- Spill the beans
- Golfer Ernie
- "Be quiet!"
- Get tangled
- Appear
- Rip off
- Islamabad residents
- Old Roman garment
- Very eager
- Staring
- Twisted; askew
- Actress Daly
- Vatican leaders
- Does drugs



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- Short note
- Declare openly
- Observed a holiday with festivities

- In the ; ultimately
- Tel Aviv's nation
- Use up
- Keep an ice cream cone from dripping
- Go astray
- Golf ball holder
- Still whole
- Cut of pork
- Eccentric
- Landers and Richards
- Go ; proceed
- Depend
- Pot covers
- Char
- Palm or pine
- Lift and throw a heavy object
- over; faint
- Forces out of a ruling position
- Belly button
- Little children
- Deli loaf
- Grow weary

- Enemies
- Plenty
- Actress Hayley
- "The Wizard of Oz" author
- Belittle; scorn
- Grad school papers, often
- Capture
- Argument
- Shade of blue
- Related
- Lose it
- Meanie
- Sea inlets
- Touch lightly
- In the past
- Fraternity letter

Detroit auto show

Continued from Page 6

The white mayor elected in a city that's 80 percent black is managing expectations for a mess he just inherited, but plans to tackle with skills honed as a hospital executive and former prosecutor.

"The real Detroit has a long way to go. There's no doubt there are a lot of great things happening, but we have not translated the success that people will see here into services for people living in the neighborhood. And that's my job," he says. "But that doesn't stop everybody from enjoying the good things that are happening, like the auto show."

Michigan economist Patrick Anderson predicts the bankruptcy won't upstage the auto show, and might prove to be a positive development from a visitor's perspective. City restructuring plans also include planned investments in some basic services, including blight removal, updating information technology and other "quality of life" improvements. Before the bankruptcy, a regional authority that manages Cobo for the city launched a major upgrade and expansion of the venue in large part to keep the auto show from bolting.

"I think they may actually see more streetlights working, a better Cobo Center than they've ever seen, and more optimism about

Detroit than they've seen in decades," he says. "That, combined with the rejuvenating prospects of Ford and GM, is going to make this a very interesting auto show for the international press."

Even more than a mile (1.6 kilometers) down the river from Cobo Center, Andrews on the Corner owner Tom Woolsey says he gets extra business during the auto show. He's noticed a "remarkable" turnaround at his restaurant-bar since about mid-2012, as automakers have recovered, events have grown along a more pedestrian-friendly riverfront and people even started moving downtown. "The economy isn't what they expected it to be but it's up and moving in the right direction," says Woolsey, whose grandfather opened Andrews in 1918. "The city, I think, is going to do much better now that it's hit bottom."

Anderson says an annual event like the auto show will play an important role in reviving Detroit.

"In order to build a world-class economic city, you need to have reasons for people to come every year. The auto show is a world-class reason to come to Detroit every year," he says.

"Given my choice, I'd much rather have that auto show every year than a Super Bowl every decade." □

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Christmas delivery finally for space station

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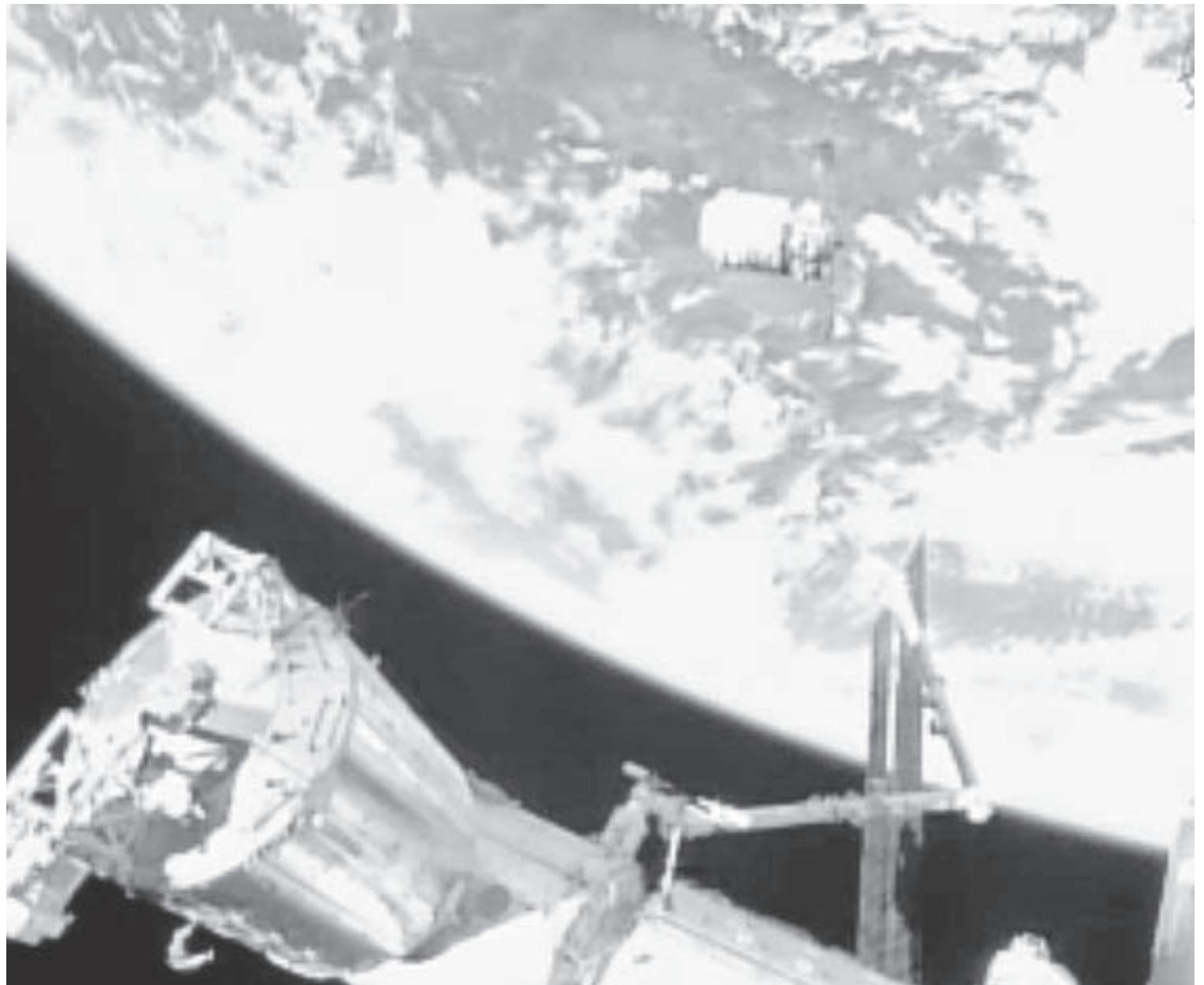
(AP) — The six space station astronauts finally got their Christmas presents Sunday with the arrival of a privately launched supply ship that took an extra month to soar.

The spacemen opened the capsule a day early and started removing items, as soon as the Orbital Sciences Corp. vessel was moored safely at the International Space Station. Packed inside were 3,000 pounds (1,360 kilograms) of groceries, equipment and experiments, as well as eagerly awaited Christmas gifts from their families back home and some fresh fruit courtesy of NASA.

Among the first things out: ants that are part of an educational project.

NASA is relying on private industry to keep the orbiting lab well stocked in this post-shuttle era and, in three or four more years, possibly supply rides for U.S. astronauts as well. This was Orbital Sciences' second shipment.

The Virginia company was supposed to make the latest delivery last month, well before Christmas, but had to wait for reasons beyond its control. A space station



In this image from video provided by NASA the Cygnus resupply spacecraft approaches the International Space Station early Sunday Jan. 12, 2013.

Associated Press

Guatemala volcano lava causes small evacuation

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Guatemala authorities say lava flowing from the Pacaya volcano near Guatemala City is prompting the evacuation of those living nearest the crater.

Alejandro Maldonado directs the National Office for Disaster Reduction and says lava is flowing down one side of the volcano, but he did not say how many people have been evacuated.

Local news media report the number is small so far.

The volcano is also closed to tourists.

The National Institute of Seismology, Volcanology, Meteorology and Hydrology says Saturday's lava flow in some areas is as large as 600 meters (yards) wide and 3 kilometers (1.8 miles) long.

The volcano just south of the capital city also is registering small explosions and emitting gas and ash.

Pacaya is one of Guatemala's most active and picturesque volcanos. □

ary in order to repair the disabled cooling system at the orbiting outpost.

Then frigid weather at the launch site at Wallops Island, Virginia, forced a delay. Then a strong solar storm interfered. Everything finally came together for a smooth liftoff on Thursday. Flight controllers for Orbital Sciences, wearing red company shirts, broke into applause when astronaut Michael Hopkins used the space station's main robot arm to grab onto the Cygnus capsule, more than 260 miles (420 kilometers) above the Indian Ocean, northeast of Madagascar. Within two hours, the capsule was bolted to the station. And four hours after that, the astronauts threw open the hatch.

Because of the long day, the astronauts were supposed to wait until Monday before opening the

capsule. But with presents from their families awaiting them, they couldn't resist.

As a holiday treat, NASA stashed away the fruit for the two Americans, three Russians and one Japanese, and Orbital Sciences included a few surprises of its own. "It was difficult keeping up with you today," Mission Control radioed. "You guys were blazing." Orbital Sciences conducted a test run to the space station last September. This is the first official supply run under a \$1.9 billion contract with NASA. "I've been up here on station for about 3½ months," Hopkins said, "and I've seen two Orbital vehicles in that time, and I think that's very impressive. So congratulations to everyone." As before, the Cygnus will be filled with trash and cut loose for a fiery, destructive re-entry, in mid-February.

NASA is paying Orbital Sciences and the California-based SpaceX company to supply the space station. SpaceX will make its fourth delivery next month, launching from Cape Canaveral. Russia, Japan and the European Space Agency also make periodic deliveries.

Russia is the lone means of astronaut transport, however, until SpaceX or another American company is able to fly humans. NASA estimates that should occur by 2017.

This Cygnus is named for the late shuttle astronaut C. Gordon Fullerton, who helped conduct air-launched rockets for Orbital Sciences in the 1990s. He died in August at age 76 following a stroke. Sunday's successful linkup is a testament to Fullerton's career, both Hopkins and Mission Control noted. □

Lone Survivor' seals top spot at box office

By DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- "Lone Survivor" triumphed at the weekend box office.

The patriotic Navy SEAL drama starring Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch, Emile Hirsch and Ben Foster smashed expectations to earn \$38.5 million domestically in its first weekend in wide release, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Universal film directed by "Friday Night Lights" and "Battleship" filmmaker Peter Berg is based on Marcus Luttrell's memoir about a dangerous mission his Navy SEAL team embarked on in Afghanistan in 2005.

"We're thrilled for us, the filmmakers and Marcus, who - as brave as a man as he is - continues to be brave in telling this true story," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal. "It's an amazing result. What's most gratifying about this is that it's been endorsed by every quadrant of the movie-going audience: young, old, male, female."

Rocco said "Lone Survivor" performed particularly well in middle America. The movie's launch marks the second biggest opening for a film in January, after the \$40.1 million debut of the monster movie "Cloverfield" in 2008.

"We had an inkling it'd do well when it opened in limited release in December, but projections had it coming in between \$17 million to \$28 million," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "Nothing had it coming close to \$40 million."

In its eighth weekend, Disney's icy animated tale "Frozen" stayed cool in the No. 2 spot, earning \$15 million and bringing its domestic total to \$317 million, passing Disney Animation's \$312 million record set by "The Lion King" in 1994. "Frozen" also topped the international box office with \$27.8 million from 50 international markets.

Paramount's controversial



This photo released by Universal Pictures shows, from left, Taylor Kitsch, as Michael Murphy, Mark Wahlberg as Marcus Luttrell, Ben Foster as Matt "Axe" Axelson, and Emile Hirsch as Danny Dietz in a scene from the film, "Lone Survivor."

Associated Press

"The Wolf of Wall Street" scored No. 3 in its third weekend, earning \$9 million and boosting its total domestic haul to \$78.6 million. The hedonistic tycoon drama directed by Martin Scorsese stars Leonardo DiCaprio as reckless stock broker Jordan Belfort. The film earned an additional \$10 million from 17 international territories.

Lionsgate's "The Legend of

Hercules," the weekend's only other major release, tied Sony's "American Hustle" for the No. 4 position, with both films earning \$8.6 million, according to studio estimates.

"American Hustle," whose domestic total now stands at \$101.5 million, also earned an extra \$5.2 million this weekend from four international territories. The con-artist caper leads

the nominees at Sunday's Golden Globes alongside "12 Years a Slave" with seven nods each.

Several other awards contenders expanded into wide release this weekend ahead of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's glitzy ceremony, including the Weinstein Co.'s "August: Osage County" at No. 6 with \$7.3 million, Warner Bros.' "Her" at No. 10 with

\$5.4 million and CBS Films' "Inside Llewyn Davis" at No. 14 with \$1.9 million.

Overseas, Universal's animated sequel "Despicable Me 2" earned \$13.8 million alone in China, where it opened this weekend seven months after its initial release.

The original animated film featuring the voice of Steve Carrell was not released in China. □

Steven Bochco on slowing down: 'I'm just old'



Producer Steven Bochco listens to the Democratic debate between presidential hopefuls Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and Barack Obama, D-Ill., in Los Angeles in this Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008 file photo.

Associated Press

PASADENA, California (AP) — Veteran television producer Steven Bochco has a three-word explanation for why he's slowing down: "I'm just old."

The groundbreaking cre-

ative mind behind "NYPD Blue," "L.A. Law" and "Hill Street Blues" said Friday that he doesn't have the creative drive he used to have.

The 70-year-old hasn't retired, though. Bochco is producing "Murder in the First" for the TNT network this summer. The drama stars Taye Diggs as a San Francisco homicide detective who teams with Kathleen Robinson to solve a single crime over the course of a season.

"I remember when I used to be the youngest guy in the room," Bochco said at a news conference with journalists who cover television. "Now I'm the oldest guy in the room. As things change, you change with it. I'm totally comfortable with what I'm doing at this stage in my life." □

White House says gov't can't force Kimmel off air

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has responded to a petition calling for an apology and the removal of Jimmy Kimmel's television show by saying the comedian can't be forced off the air.

More than 105,000 people signed the petition on the White House website. It followed an October broadcast of ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" featuring a segment in which Kimmel spoke to young children about U.S. government debt owed to China.

One boy said "kill everyone in China" when Kimmel asked how the U.S. should repay the Asian power.

In its response, the White House noted that ABC and Kimmel have apologized, and that the television network has removed the segment from future



In this Dec. 2, 2012 file photo, television host Jimmy Kimmel, attends a reception hosted by President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama honoring the 2012 Kennedy Center Honors recipients, in the East Room of the White House in Washington. Associated Press

broadcasts and its online platforms.

The White House also noted that the Constitution protects free speech, even when it's offensive. □

AMC announces premiere for 'Better Call Saul'

RUSSELL CONTRERAS

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) — AMC announced this week that the "Breaking Bad" spinoff, "Better Call Saul," will premiere in November 2014, but no specific date has been released.

The series will follow sleazy Albuquerque attorney Saul Goodman, played by Bob Odenkirk, as he defends drug lords, criminals and those allegedly injured in minor traffic accidents.

The network has already created a website for the fictional lawyer, with Saul Goodman's signature videos boasting how he can get anyone out of legal trouble. The website includes "testimonies" from a drug dealer and prostitute who tell potential clients how he got them out of jail. "Breaking Bad," which ended last year and was filmed in Albuquerque, followed former high school teacher Walter White, played by Bryan Cranston. White produced methamphetamine with a former student, Jesse Pinkman, played by Aaron Paul.

Odenkirk played their attorney who came up with money laundering schemes from his Albuquerque shopping mall office. AMC has given few details on the upcoming spinoff nor have show creators said how much of it would be filmed in Albuquerque. But the fictional website shows "Breaking Bad" characters bragging in videos on the streets of Albuquerque about how the convincing lawyer was able to pull them out of jail. For example, one such testimony comes from Badger, a methamphetamine dealer on "Breaking Bad" played by Matt Jones, who tells viewers that Goodman got him out of legal trouble after undercover officers arrested him for selling drugs — a reference to an episode of "Breaking Bad."



This image released by AMC shows Bob Odenkirk in a scene from the final season of "Breaking Bad." AMC and Sony Pictures Television confirmed that Odenkirk, who plays Saul Goodman, will star in a one-hour prequel tentatively titled "Better Call Saul." Associated Press

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Marvel's Peter Parker back as 'Amazing Spider-Man'



In this image provided by Marvel Entertainment, shows the cover issue of "The Amazing Spider-Man" comic book by writer Dan Slott and illustrated by Humberto Ramos. Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Spider-Man is set to be "amazing" again.

More than a year after Peter Parker had his body inhabited by the mind of the villainous and hyper-intelligent Otto Octavius, aka Doctor Octopus, Marvel Entertainment's web slinger is getting back inside his own skin. Writer Dan Slott penned the swap that saw "The Amazing Spider-Man" end with issue number 700 at the end of 2012. With that in place, the long-run-

ning book was replaced by Octavius' adventures in the twice-monthly "Superior Spider-Man."

Now, said Slott, Parker is returning to a world that never knew he was gone, which, he said, is both a blessing and a curse.

"We've been watching Doc Ock knock over all the dominoes and that's part of the fun, too, trying to imagine what kind of world Peter is going to Rip Van Winkle in to," said Slott, whose tenure writing Spider-Man has stretched for years, often to critical acclaim. The first issue of "Amazing Spider-Man," illustrated by Humberto Ramos, is due out in February. "When he comes back it's going to be a whole new world for him."

Not that everything is going to be bad, said Slott. After all, while Octavius was in his body, he took a doctorate and founded a company, among other things. "Every one's expecting that it's going to be a nightmare, a landscape of broken friends and crushed dreams, but there's another side to it, too," he said. "When Peter went out, Doc Ock crashed course through college and got him a doctorate, got him a girlfriend and got him his own company," said Slott.

"It's going to be a strange new place for Peter Parker with both ups and downs," for the character created by Steve Ditko and Stan Lee who first appeared in "Amazing Fantasy" No. 15 more than five decades ago.

As for Octavius? Slott won't say, but referenced the proverb about living in interesting times for the long-time villain who discovered, if only briefly, a taste of what it means to be a hero. "What is going to happen to Doc Ock? What is going to happen? That's a source for much conjecture. There are so many other balls in the air," said Slott.

Chili Peppers to join Bruno Mars at Super Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — Bruno Mars will have help from the Red Hot Chili Peppers when he performs at the Super Bowl next month.

Mars announced Saturday that the Rock and Roll Hall of Famers will join him as part of his halftime show at the National Football League championship game. Super Bowl halftime performers often have collaborators. Last year, Beyonce had Kelly Rowland

and Michelle Williams from her Destiny's Child days join her onstage, and two years ago Nicki Minaj and M.I.A. joined Madonna for her halftime show.

Mars was named Billboard's 2013 artist of the year. His hits include the No. 1 song "When I Was Your Man," and his Grammy-nominated sophomore album, "Unorthodox Jukebox," has sold almost 2 million copies.



Bruno Mars poses backstage with the award for Best Male Video for "Locked Out of Heaven" at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, at the Barclays Center in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

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Movement On The Right



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If you just listened to Republican politicians, you'd have almost no sense that conservative thinking has changed much since Barack Obama beat Mitt Romney more than a year ago. But if you hang around the conservative policy wonks, and read certain conservative magazines, the picture is quite different.

I'd invite you, for example, to cast your eye over the new issue of *National Affairs*, the right-leaning policy journal edited by Yuval Levin. You'll find nine articles that hang together coherently around what could well be the dominant style of conservatism of the coming years. This is the conservatism of skeptical reform. This conservatism is oriented, first, around social problems, not government. For many years, conservatives spoke as if runaway government was the only major threat facing the country. Defining themselves against government, Republican politicians had no governing agenda for people facing concrete needs.

But the emerging conservatives begin their analysis by looking at concrete problems: how to help the unemployed move to where they can find jobs; how to help gifted students from poor families reach their potential. If you start by looking at these specific matters, then even conservatives conclude that, in properly limited ways, government can be a useful tool. Government is not the only solution, but it is also not the only problem. In the lead essay of the issue, Michael R. Strain looks at broken labor markets. Strain embraces some traditional conservative ideas, like streamlining regulations, but also some ideas that use government power: public investments in infrastructure, more aggressive monetary policy, wage subsidies, cash bonuses for people who get off unemployment insurance and find jobs, relocation subsidies to help the unemployed move.

Second, this conservatism is populist about ends but not means. Over the past decade, many Republican politicians have spread the message that the country's problems would be easily solved if only the nefarious elites would get out of the way and allow the common people to take over. Members of this conservatism are more likely to conclude that, in fact, problems are complex and there are no easy answers, but there is room for policy expertise, and perhaps philosophical rigor, even if it comes from Washington.

But these experts should focus

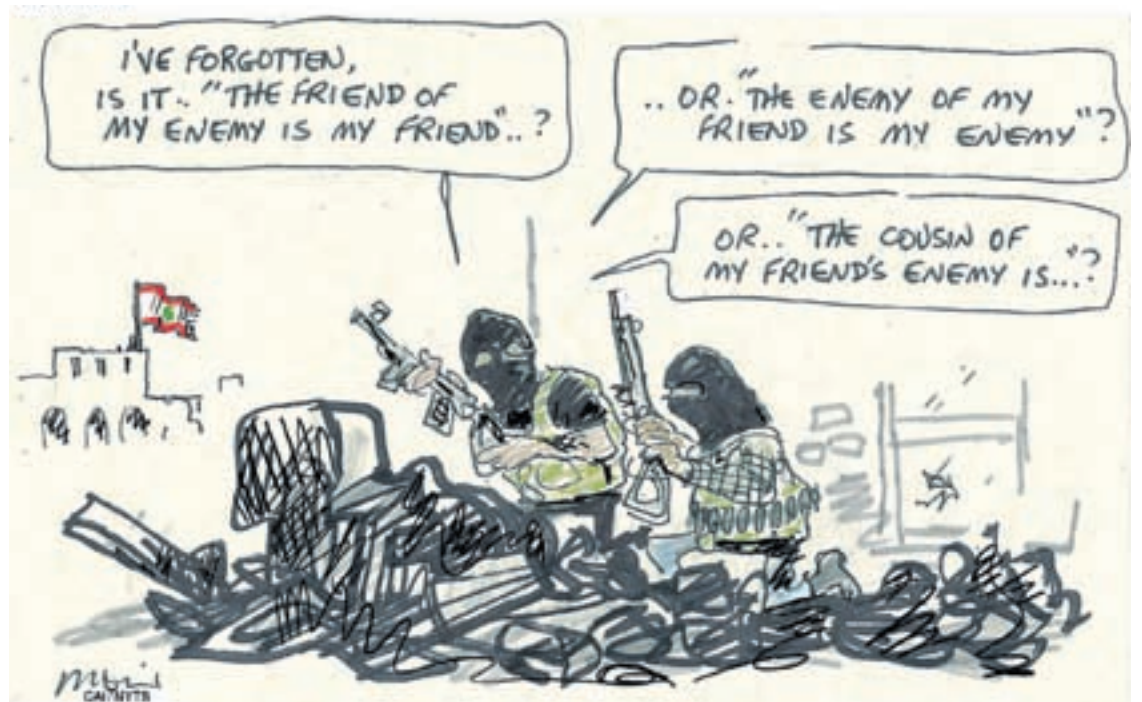
on specific needs and desires of working-class Americans, not gripes and obsessions of the Republican donor community.

"Modern conservatives have tended to discount the moral value of the average person, focusing instead on extolling the moral superiority of the great," Henry Olsen of the Ethics and Public Policy Center writes. "How many times in recent years have conservative leaders told us about the virtuous entrepreneur?"

Third, this conservatism supports effective government, not technocratic government. Like all proper conservatism, it begins with a sense of epistemological modesty, a sense that the world is too complicated to be centrally planned. Therefore, it opposes the style of government embodied in Obamacare, where officials in the center define insurance products and then compel people to buy them.

This conservatism knows that central decision-makers, even conservative ones, are no match for complex reality. Therefore, they favor market mechanisms, which take advantage of dispersed knowledge. They prefer simple programs to complex ones. In *National Affairs*, Eli Lehrer and Lori Sanders argue that a carefully structured income support grant could replace the morass of existing welfare programs for the poor.

Fourth, this conservatism is skeptical in temper, especially about itself. Recently, conservatives have been filled with fervor and conviction, and regarded compromise as selling out. Some recent conservatives have ideologized the Constitution, turning it into a rigid system that answers every political question for us. But the founders constructed a constitutional order that left room for different policy approaches; that was humble before the evolving needs of the future; and that required compromise and coalition building. The founders did not believe in concentrating power in the hands of any group of highly fallible individuals. Today's emerging conservatives embrace that constitutional mindset, embodied both by Madison and Hamilton. Moreover, the *National Affairs* authors understand that most policy programs, like most businesses, fail. Conservative programs like urban enterprise zones failed to produce measurable results. Liberal programs like Head Start scarcely produce identifiable long-term gains. Therefore, it is best to approach government in a mood of skeptical reformism: Engage in a constant process of gradual concrete reform even as you are aware that most of your efforts will not pan out. The Republican style of recent years has produced a vacuum where concrete proposals should be. The emerging conservatives won't have to argue with or defeat the more populist factions on the right; they can just fill the vacuum. Republican politicians, when they are asked to come up with specific programs, will find there is no other game in town. □



Progress In The War On Poverty



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America's war on poverty turned 50 years old this week, and plenty of people have concluded that, as President Ronald Reagan put it: "We fought a war on poverty, and poverty won."

That perception shapes the right's suspicion of food stamps, minimum-wage raises and extensions of unemployment benefits. A reader named Frank posted on my Facebook page: "All the government aid/hand-outs in the world will not make people better parents. This is why the ideas from the left, although always made with the best of intentions, never work. ... All of this aid is wasted."

Yet a careful look at the evidence suggests that such a view is flat wrong. In fact, the first lesson of the war on poverty is that we can make progress against poverty, but that it's an uphill slog.

The most accurate measures, using Census Bureau figures that take account of benefits, suggest that poverty rates have fallen by more than one-third since 1968.

There's a consensus that without the war on poverty, other forces (such as mass incarceration, a rise in single mothers and the decline in trade unions) would have lifted poverty much higher.

A Columbia University study suggests that without government benefits, the poverty rate would

have soared to 31 percent in 2012.

Indeed, an average of 27 million people were lifted annually out of poverty by social programs between 1968 and 2012, according to the White House Council of Economic Advisers.

The best example of how government antipoverty programs can succeed involves the elderly. In 1960, about 35 percent of older Americans were poor. In 2012, 9 percent were. That's because senior citizens vote, so politicians listened to them and buttressed programs like Social Security and Medicare.

In contrast, children are voiceless, so they are the age group most likely to be poor today. That's a practical and moral failure. I don't want anybody to be poor, but, if I have to choose, I'd say it's more of a priority to help kids than seniors.

In part, that's because when kids are deprived of opportunities, the consequences can include a lifetime of educational failure, crime and underemployment. Research from neuroscience underscores why early interventions are so important. Early brain development turns out to have lifelong consequences, and research from human and animal studies alike suggests that a high-stress early childhood in poverty changes the physical brain in subtle ways that impair educational performance and life outcomes.

A careful review of antipoverty programs in a new book, "Legacies of the War on Poverty," shows that many of them have a clear impact - albeit sometimes not as great an impact as advocates hoped.

For starters, one of the most basic social programs that works - indeed pays for itself many times over - is family-planning assistance for at-risk teenage girls. This has actually been one of America's most successful social programs in recent years.

The teenage birthrate has fallen by half over roughly the past 20 years.

Another hugely successful array of programs involved parent

coaching to get pregnant women to drink and smoke less and to encourage at-risk moms to talk to their children more.

Programs like Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families America, Child First, Save the Children and Thirty Million Words Project all have had great success in helping parents do a better job with their kids.

Early education likewise has strong evidence of impact. Critics note that in Head Start, for example, gains in IQ seem to fade within a few years. That's true and disappointing.

But in the past five years, robust studies from scholars like David Deming have shown that graduates of Head Start also have improved life outcomes: better high school graduation and college attendance rates, and less likely to be out of school and out of a job.

Another area of success: programs that encourage jobs, especially for the most at-risk groups.

The earned-income tax credit is a huge benefit to the working poor and to society.

Likewise, a program called Career Academies has had excellent results training at-risk teenagers in specialized careers and giving them practical work experience. Even eight years later, those young people randomly assigned to Career Academies are earning significantly more than those in control groups.

As that example suggests, we increasingly have first-rate research - randomized controlled trials, testing antipoverty programs as rigorously as if they were pharmaceuticals - that give us solid evidence of what works or doesn't. So let's drop the bombast and look at the evidence.

Critics are right that antipoverty work is difficult and that dependency can be a problem. But the premise of so much of today's opposition to food stamps and other benefits - that government assistance inevitably fails - is just wrong.

And child poverty is as unconscionable in a rich nation today as it was half a century ago. □

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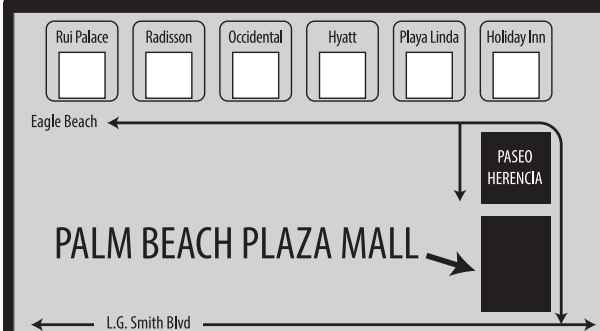
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